

Secretary of the University Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – Monday, Feb 10, 2020 – 1:30-2:45p
Location: Fleming Bldg, Rm 4006

Present: Churchill, Schimpf, Wu, Kabo, Look, Marsh, Rama, Rickard
Via Blue Jeans: Fournier

Minutes:

Meeting was started by welcoming the members and apologizing for scheduling confusion/emergencies that resulted in postponing our Jan 17 meeting to today.

Topics discussed:

- Changes in the provost's office:
 - Recent administrative leave for Provost Martin Philbert, investigation ongoing and will report outside OIE (to Human Resources) given OIE reports to Provost
 - Reporting structure raises other concerns about past investigations
 - Acting Provost in place
 - This connects to greater concerns, not just at the University, about sexual misconduct allegations and how these shape leadership searches, promotions, many issues
- Faculty group is reviewing dismissal and tenure rules 5.09 and 5.10 - town halls have been conducted
 - <https://record.umich.edu/articles/faculty-group-reviewing-tenure-rules-plans-town-halls-survey/>
 - Anticipated that a draft report from the working group will be ready prior to Feb Regents' meeting, final report after that
 - Tenure process has been in place for a long time and may need updating; language also does not address modern issues
 - Caution clearly needed given value of tenure
 - Topic is of high interest given current environment nationally/statewide and recent faculty leaves
- Other updates
 - Michigan Union renovations complete and transformation is impressive
 - Search for speaker at main "Big House" graduation is ongoing
 - Carbon neutrality – no clear timeline to achieve this, but is a priority
 - Challenges make a timeline difficult
 - Searches are ongoing for:
 - VP Research
 - VP Student Life

Next meeting: unscheduled as yet, process started to choose a date/time prior to end of semester