Secretary of the University Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes - Thursday Oct 3 – 1-2:45p
Location: Fleming Bldg, 5th floor

Present: Churchill, Schimpf, Rickard, Wu, Kabo, Banasik (observing), Rama, Hsieh, Marsh
Anticipated Absence: Stewart

Minutes:
Welcome to the new semester and committee members was done by Dr Schimpf and introductions were conducted by those present.

Topics discussed:

- Upcoming retirement of E. Royster Harper, long time Vice President for Student Life, in early 2020
  - She has been well loved and highly regarded
  - Interim is anticipated with search committee being formed to find permanent replacement
- There is also a search being planned for a VP of Research, which is currently being filled by an interim (Dr Rebecca Cunningham)
- Secretary Churchill reviewed some of the items President Schlissel discussed at the Leadership Breakfast this morning
- Other items discussed:
  - Named buildings/schools in the setting of legacy honorific namings and gift agreements
    - Stephen Ross was in the news over the summer for sponsoring a fundraiser for President Trump, and students have started petitions, etc. to remove his name from the multiple locations it is present on campus ([https://www.michigandaily.com/section/campus-life/calls-continue-%E2%80%98u%E2%80%99-remove-ross%E2%80%99s-name-campus-buildings-ongoing-debate-free](https://www.michigandaily.com/section/campus-life/calls-continue-%E2%80%98u%E2%80%99-remove-ross%E2%80%99s-name-campus-buildings-ongoing-debate-free))
    - Comparisons were drawn to Taubman and Epstein (at MIT)
    - Commonality of goals for education, science, research, etc are prioritized, and freedom of expression/will with regard to donations
    - 2 University locations (1 auditorium, 1 building) have been renamed recently in new process that begins with a petition and then a detailed investigation
  - Declining high-school-age student population will have implications for college enrollment – while this is not yet impacting the Ann Arbor campus, it has started to affect applications at some of the other public universities in the state of Michigan
  - Housing on campus remains a concern given the aging of the buildings, especially on North Campus – this will need focus and resources in coming years
  - Carbon neutrality is a University goal but will pose logistic, financial hurdles
Concerns nationally about international students and research with regard to the valuable contributions they provide and also value of the data, results domestically