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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA)
Monday, September 10, 2018 3:15 pm
6048 Fleming Administration Building
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1340

Present: Atzmon, Beatty, Carlos, Conway, Lippert, Marsh (chair), Schultz, Spencer, Potter, Schneider, Snyder

Absent:

Guests: Members of the Press

3:17: Call to order/Approval of Agenda & Minutes
        The Agenda was approved
3:22: The minutes for August 27 were approved

3:22: Announcements and Updates
Chair Marsh said the Chancellors of UM-Flint and UM-Dearborn have been invited to attend separate SACUA meetings, Chancellor Grasso of UM-Dearborn has responded and will attend a meeting that will be divided between open and executive sessions. Professor Schultz asked if local faculty governance would be invited to those meetings.   Chair Marsh they would not be as they can already talk regularly with their chancellors.

3:25: Approval of September 17 Senate Assembly Agenda
        3:15 Call to Order
        3:20 Announcements
        3:30 Overview of Faculty Governance
        4:00 Approval of Committee Membership and Charges
        4:30 Tri-campus Committee Resolution
                Be it resolved that a permanent Tri-Campus Committee of the
                Senate Assembly shall be established [with a charge] to consider
                points of interest delegated to it by SACUA such as those that
                relate to the relationship between the three campuses or policies
                across the institution.
        4:45 Changes to Senate Assembly Rules to allow Remote Attendance and Electronic
Voting
        4:55 Matters Arising
        5:00 Adjourn
Professor Beatty will chair the Senate Assembly meeting as Chair Marsh will be away. Professor Schultz asked about the naming of members to the Tri-campus task force and rearranging the Senate Assembly Agenda in the context of the approval of other committee memberships. Chair Marsh said the members have yet to be identified.
        The agenda was approved
3:30: "Homework"

Discussion Series with the President and Provost

Chair Marsh opened discussion of the proposed discussion series for faculty with the president and provost by saying Professor Schlissel is willing to engage with faculty in various fora. In addition to promoting more robust communication on campus and raising SACUA's profile, such meetings would have the coincidental effect of making it possible to obtain a quorum for a University Senate meeting at which business could be transacted.

Presently, the President and Provost are scheduled to meet Senate Assembly in December 2018 and March 2019 respectively, Chair Marsh asked if these Senate Assembly meetings should be opened into Senate meetings, which would be widely publicized. Professor Conway asked if the President and Provost would still attend the Senate Assembly if they spoke at a separate University Senate meeting. Chair Marsh replied that they would still attend the Senate Assembly; the proposed meeting was an additional commitment for the President for which President Schlissel has volunteered to make the time. Professor Lippert asked if President Schlissel had topics in mind. Chair Marsh said that the proposed topic was the University budget, though Chair Marsh feels that such a topic might be more appropriate for the Provost, and that the President might offer a discussion of his vision for the university along the lines of speeches he gives elsewhere. Professor Lippert suggested that President Schlissel could discuss the whole institution while the Provost discussed the budget for the Ann Arbor campus. She also suggested that it would be helpful if both the Provost and President could discuss the role of faculty governance.

Professors Potter and Schultz suggested that events could be advertised as open houses to see how robust attendance would be at a separate Senate Assembly/University Senate meeting. Librarian Spencer asked about how faculty perceive their workload and how constituencies might be targeted to encourage participation. Professor Potter said such an event could be advertised as a conversation with President Schlissel. Professor Schultz suggested that an event might also be arranged at which Central Student Government (CSG) would be present while President Schlissel offered a discussion of the "state of the university." Professor Carlos suggested that faculty be asked to submit questions so that they feel better engaged with the meeting, and expressed a preference for using a Senate Assembly/Senate Assembly so that there would be a Senate quorum. She also suggested charging Senate Assembly members with getting their colleagues to come to Senate Meetings, and raised the possibility of having competitions between units to encourage attendance.

Professor Malek asked about email communication with the faculty. Chair Marsh said he would be sending an email to the faculty introducing them to SACUA. Professor Lippert asked about the inclusion of UM-Flint and UM-Dearborn faculty on the senate mailing list. Chair Marsh said they will be included.

Chair Marsh said that the October Senate Assembly meeting would be given over to a Regents' Candidates Forum and asked if this could be a full University Senate meeting because the Regents' Forum would draw more faculty. Professor Conway pointed out that this Senate Assembly meeting was on fall break for the Ann Arbor campus. Chair Marsh said the date was chosen because of a specific request from one regental candidate.

In addition to the Provost and President, Chair Marsh said SACUA members have suggested inviting the following groups/people to SACUA meetings:

Pamela Heatley (Office of Institutional Equity),

Marschall Runge (Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs) and Carol Bradford (Medical School Executive Vice Dean),

Royster Harper, (Vice President for Student Life),

Ravi Pendse (Chief Information Officer),

Regents,

Chancellors of UM-Dearborn and UM-Flint,

The Library Council,

Committee Chairs,
The Ombuds.

Professor Carlos suggested that a theme for the year should be points of conflict and the Grievance system. She proposed that SACUA should invite Mr. Frumkin, Associate Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs and Director of Academic Human Resources (https://www.provost.umich.edu/about/senior_staff/frumkin.html). Professor Schultz suggested invitations for Professor Weineck to discuss the grievance process, and Jerry May before he steps down from his position as Executive Vice President for Development (https://leadersandbest.umich.edu/careers/aboutdev/jerrymay). Professor Lippert suggested that CSG be invited (and, possibly, student governance groups from the other campuses). Professor Malek suggested that Robert Sellers, Vice Provost for Equity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer (https://odei.umich.edu/robert-sellers/) be asked. Chair Marsh said breakfast settings would be preferable for meetings with the Regents.

4:22: Executive Session
Committee charges were approved.
Graduate Student Representation on Committees.
Grievance.
Accessibility of Committee Charges.
OIE processes.

5:02: Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
David S. Potter
Senate Secretary

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Sec. 4.01 The University Senate
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SACUA: "The committee may adopt rules for the transaction of its business."