To: Joy Beatty, Chair, SACUA, 2019-2020

From: Michael Atzmon and Gary Krenz, Co-Chairs, Davis, Markert, Nickerson Academic Freedom Lecture Committee

Subject: Report on Activities of Committee Name for 2019-2020

Members: Michael Atzmon, Marcy Epstein, Paul Fossum, Gary Krenz, Faith Sparr, Stefan Szymanski, John Traynor, Silke-Maria Weineck, Caitlin Wells.

SACUA Liaison: None

Meeting Dates: 8/8/19, 10/23/19

Summary:

The 29th Academic Freedom Lecture was delivered by Hank Reichman, Hank Reichman, Chair of the American Association of University Professors Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure, Professor Emeritus of History at California State University, East Bay.

For the 30th Davis, Markert Nickerson Academic Freedom Lecture, the DMN Committee has decided to hold a panel discussion. Four distinguished scholars have agreed to participate as panelists:
1) Nadje Al-Ali, Robert Family Professor of International Studies, Professor of Anthropology and Middle East Studies, Brown University (nadje_al-ali@brown.edu).
2) Susan Benesch, Faculty associate at Harvard and adjunct professor at American University. Director of the Dangerous Speech Project (susan@dangerousspeech.org).
3) Michael Bérubé, Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of Literature, Pennsylvania State University (mfb12@psu.edu).
4) Jan Gross, Norman B. Tomlinson '16 and '48 Professor of War and Society, Emeritus; Professor of History, Emeritus, Princeton University (jtgross@princeton.edu).

University of Michigan Associate Professor of History Melanie Tanielian, whose research interests include academic freedom, will serve as panel moderator.

The event was originally scheduled for October 2020. Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, it was rescheduled to February 16, 2021.

Topics to be continued or carried forward to next year are:

The next lecture will likely take place in Fall 2022. Because of the uncertainty associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, planning has been put on hold for the time being.