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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA)
Monday, 14 September 3:15 pm
The meeting was held via Zoom because of the COVID-19 Shutdown

Present: Ahbel-Rappe, Conway (chair), Dinov, Finlayson, Liu, Manera, Marsh, Potter, Spencer, Toyama, Banasik, Snyder

Absent: Gallo

Guests: Members of the Press

3:17: Call to Order/ Approval of Minutes

Chair Conway reminded SACUA that, as there had been a discussion of the task force to analyze the WilmerHale report (https://regents.umich.edu/files/meetings/01-01/Report_of_Independent_Investigation_WilmerHale.pdf), SACUA members who wished to serve on the task force should give their names to here by noon on September 15. She said that SACUA committee liaisons should arrange meetings with Dr. Banasik to discuss the work of their committees.

Chair Conway said that a Regents Candidate Forum is scheduled for October 9 at 10:00 am.

The agenda was approved.

3:20 Announcements from Faculty Senate Office Director

Dr. Banasik said that she had received a request for an interview from the *Wall Street Journal* saying that while the reporter had expressed an interest in Senate rules, the reporter was more interested in football.

She reported that she has been meeting regularly with a faculty member about concerns in that faculty member's unit.

Dr. Banasik said that the Faculty Senate Office had submitted the Regents' update and was working closely with a robust group of Information technology specialists in preparation for the Senate meeting on September 16. She said she is studying at Roberts rules very closely so that the meeting can comply as closely as possible with Roberts' Rules despite the digital format.

3:22 Announcements from SACUA Chair

Chair Conway said she has been speaking with reporters from the *Michigan Daily* to explore undergraduate interest in faculty governance, and, with Professor Manera she has met with Central Student Governance (CSG) and will continue to meet with the four officers from CSG on a monthly basis to explore areas of common concern. Chair Conway and Dr. Banasik have concluded meetings with all but one of the Vice Presidents and committee chairs to ensure shared understanding of committee goals for the coming year. They will meet with Vice President for Research Cunningham on Thursday, September 17.

Chair Conway said she and Professor Manera had met with President Schlissel at 11:30 on the morning of September 14, and Chair Conway said she will meet with the Academic programs Group on Wednesday. Provost Collins, who welcomes the renewal of the direct contact

between the APG and SACUA, will schedule 10 minutes of the meeting to address ways deans can connect better with faculty governance, and 10 minutes of questions about the Faculty Senate meeting on September 16. She noted that there is a Regents meeting on Thursday, September 17, and that there should be a Zoom link to the open part of the meeting.

3:30 Committee Charges

Committee charges can be found at <https://umich.app.box.com/file/718070569316>. Dr. Banasik said that redundant issues have been removed from Academic Affairs Advisory Committee (AAAC), and that the charge for the Financial Affairs Advisory Committee (FAC) was revised to make it more collaborative. Chief Financial Officer Kevin Hegarty will be coming to the Senate Assembly meeting in January. She said that the charge for the Government Relations Advisory Committee (GRAC) was expanded to include civic engagement, and that the charge for the Medical Affairs Advisory Committee (MAAC) was revised to include specific examples of curricular development. The charge for the Secretary of the University's committee (SAC) was expanded to include discussion of the President's priorities as well as those of the Regents. There were no changes in the charges for the Student Relations Advisory Committee (SRAC) or the Academic Evaluation Committee (AEC). Greater specificity has been introduced to the charge for the Committee on the Economic Status and Social Wellbeing of the Faculty (CESWF) and the Committee on Oversight of Administrative Action (COAA). Librarian Spencer asked for information about how liaisons and chairs were selected during the summer. Professor Ahbel-Rappe said many members of the Committee on Fairness, Equity and Inclusion (CFEI) who are people of color, are unhappy with the way the committee charge was developed and wish it to state that the university will be more welcoming to people of color. Professor Ahbel-Rappe said that the charge should include the long-term issue of defining inclusivity. The new charges were approved unanimously.

3:37 Senate Assembly Agenda

Chair Conway introduced the proposed agenda for the September 21 Senate Assembly meeting:

- 3:00: Call to order/ Approval of Agenda/Introduction
- 3:10: Faculty Senate Office–Governance Overview
- 3:20: SACUA Chair Updates
- 3:25: Proposal to establish the Committee on Anti-Racism
- 3:30: SA Committee Charges (breakout groups)
- 4:00: Martino Harmon, VP for Student Life
- 4:15: Role of SA Members (breakout groups)
- 4:30: Adjourn

The agenda was approved unanimously.

3:45 Faculty Senate Meeting Logistics Update

Dr. Banasik said there are still slots available for speakers wishing to support or oppose the motions and there is currently additional time from comments from the floor. The deadline to sign up to speak is 5:00 pm on September 15.

Dr. Banasik shared that the webinar format, which can include up to 10,000 people, has been adopted for the meeting because a zoom meeting has a license limit of 1000 people, and the

Faculty Senate Office did not want to be in a position of excluding people. Because only eligible voters will be admitted to the meeting, the Faculty Senate Office will use polling software in Zoom. This means that every faculty senate member will be preregistered with an individualized link for the meeting. There also be will a live stream so that anyone with University of Michigan credentials can log on. People external to the University will be able to see a recording, which will be available by Thursday morning. After the meeting, a sentiment ballot will be sent to all faculty senate members and, separately, to all Clinical Faculty, so that people who were not able to vote because of teaching or other reasons could express their views. Everyone will have the opportunity to watch the recording before returning their sentiment vote. Dr. Banasik said that members of the press who are also members of the University community will have direct access to the livestream of the meeting.

3:51: Executive Session

Logistics of the Senate Meeting on September 16
May Senate Assembly meeting (unanimously approved)
Simply voting ballot for clinical faculty for September 16
Chat room

5:18 Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
David S. Potter
Senate Secretary

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Governing Bodies in Schools and Colleges
Sec. 4.01 The University Senate

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