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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA)
Monday, 2 November 3:15 pm
The meeting was held via Zoom because of the COVID-19 Shutdown

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

Absent:

Guests: Professor Karen Thomas-Brown; Professor Jason Kosnoski; Ann Zaniewski, *The University Record*, Brooke Halek, *The Michigan Daily*

3:20: Call to Order/ Approval of Minutes

Chair Conway called the meeting to order. Dr. Banasik explained changes in the zoom links (the meeting was delayed by the fact that five members were in another room). The SACUA meeting on November 9th will begin at 3:00 with President Schlissel as the guest from 3:00-3:30.

Chair Conway asked SACUA if the SACUA meeting scheduled for November 23rd should be cancelled as that is now a vacation day as a result of the change in the Fall Semester calendar. SACUA unanimously agrees that it should be cancelled.

The minutes for October 19 were approved.

3:24: Faculty Senate Office Updates

Dr. Banasik said that the first of the five Open Mic sessions scheduled in November was held today, and asked faculty to sign up for future dates as the program will run through May. Professor Potter said teaching schedules for next term have not been finalized and that it will be easier for SACUA members to sign up once that has happened.

Dr. Banasik said the Electronic Meetings and Accessibility Task Force will meet bi-weekly to present procedures to ensure that meetings are accessible to the Senate Assembly in January. The focus of the discussion is to find ways to facilitate actions at meetings so all persons present can be effectively included in the proceedings.

3:27: SACUA Chair Updates

Chair Conway said that she and Professor Manera had met with Central Student Government (CSG) leadership, and urged the leadership to present motions with respect to their concerns to the Student Relations Advisory Committee (SRAC). CSG leadership presented two motions to SRAC. One was that grading procedures Fall 2020 be the same as those for Winter 2020. The other was to have a week in Winter Term in which there would be no tests and papers. SRAC, although expressing reservations about the feasibility of dictating macro-level policy in these areas, supported the resolutions, and passed them on to Vice President for Student Affairs Harmon.

On Friday, October 23, Chair Conway, Dr. Banasik and Professors Singer (AAAC) and Pasquale (COAA), met with the Title IX group, passed on the concerns about the proposed advisor program in the draft Title IX procedures.

Chair Conway reported that she and Dr. Banasik met with Dr. Kirsten Herald of Lecturers Employees Organization (LEO), at Dr. Herald's request. Dr. Herald said that there was a lot of positive response within LEO to the inclusion of LEO members on the President's Covid-19 committee. Chair Conway and Dr. Banasik will continue to maintain a dialogue with LEO leadership.

Chair Conway said that, at her Open Mic session on November 2nd, she had spoken with a faculty member from the Dental School who expressed appreciation for the opportunity to learn more about Senate Assembly, and said the Dean of the Dental School was positive about the inclusion of clinical faculty in the sentiment ballot after the Senate Meeting on September 16th, and felt that Senate Assembly was doing a good job of bringing in different voices. Chair Conway noted that it is difficult to establish which voices constitute the majority opinion of the faculty.

3:30 Executive Session

4:48: One University Committee: Professor Karen Thomas-Brown, Professor Jason Kosnoski

Professor Kosnoski said the One University Campaign began from a desire to obtain greater financial support for the student bodies at UM-Flint and UM-Dearborn which derive from a lower socio-economic bracket, on the whole, than does the student body on the Ann Arbor campus. The percentage of students, for instance, who are recipients of Pell Grants is 39% at UM-Flint and 15% at UM-Ann Arbor, and the four-year graduation rates at UM-Flint and UM-Dearborn are lower than the four-year graduation rate at UM-Ann Arbor because students have to work while attending school. He also noted substantial differences in per-student funding on the three campuses—the rate of per-student spending at UM-Ann Arbor is \$53,000, at UM-Dearborn it is \$13,000; at UM-Flint it is \$15,000. The One University Campaign is advocating for the equalization of funding for students on the three campuses, its representatives have met with the regents, asking them to be accountable to the public, and have done research to show that UM-Ann Arbor has large fiscal surplus. The One University Campaign is requesting that funds be taken from the UM-Ann Arbor surplus to help the neediest students at the other campuses with health and legal services, and to provide more money for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). Successes in the last eighteen months include the development of on-campus legal services and call-in health services at UM-Flint, and the commitment of \$20 millions to a Go-Blue Guarantee for UM-Flint and UM-Dearborn to help diversity recruitment in the next fiscal year.

The response to the One University Campaign has not been uniformly welcoming. Although a committee at UM-Flint has presented a proposal to devote \$6-7 million dollars for a Go-Blue Guarantee, the Chancellor has said this will not be financially sustainable on the Flint campus. The Chancellor at the UM-Dearborn campus has been exploring the issue without producing a plan.

Professor Kosnoski stressed that the One University Campaign is seeking to develop a continued and sustained promise to fund needy students at UM-Flint and UM-Dearborn, to enhance recruitment within the community and enrich these programs academically. It is the Campaign's hope to develop a deeper relationship between the three campuses, especially as the COVID-19 crisis has had a significant impact on the UM-Flint and UM-Dearborn campuses. He stressed the Campaign's desire that the University make a commitment to the financial support of students on all three campuses. The benefit of the Campaign to the UM-Ann Arbor campus will be through countering the public perception that the University does not seek to help all its

students, irrespective of need. He concluded by saying that the Committee of Fairness, Equity and Inclusion (CFEI) is exploring these issues.

Chair Conway asked if there something SACUA should ask the president with respect to the Campaign. Professor Kosnoski said that members of the Campaign would like SACUA to endorse its goals.

Chair Conway said that the One University Campaign had come up in all recent Regents' meetings, and that SACUA could formalize a request for support, developing multiple resolutions through Senate Assembly committees.

Professor Ahbel-Rappe said students on the regional campuses have an imminent need of financial support to pay for school as a result of the COVID crisis, and that SACUA should speak to the resulting equity issues. Chair Conway said she will ask the COVID council about this issue. Professor Finlayson said it was not clear just how SACUA could help the Tri-Campus Campaign, noting that while money is important, it is also important to rethink the relationship between the three campuses, especially as UM-Dearborn and UM-Flint primarily serve only in-state students, especially first-generation students, and students who are working parents.

Chair Conway said she will be in touch with COVID Council about testing and COVID-related issues on regional campuses, and tell President Schlissel that SACUA would like to discuss the issue of mandatory testing in the meeting on November 9th, which will be in executive session.

5:10: Adjournment

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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