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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA)
Monday, 9 November 3:00 pm
The meeting was held via Zoom because of the COVID-19 Shutdown

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

Absent: Finlayson

Guests: President Schlissel; Erika Hrabec, Executive Assistant and Chief Administrator to the President Office of the President; Ann Zaniewski, *The University Record*, Roni Kane, *The Michigan Daily*

3:00: Executive Session
President Schlissel

3:39: Call to Order

3:35: Faculty Senate Office Updates

Dr. Banasik said that the Electronic Meetings and Accessibility Task Force met for the first time in the week of November 2. The task force will meet every two weeks to explore procedures to ensure accessible meetings, identifying, for instance, procedures to handle the introduction of motions from the floor. She said that she is looking to get meetings for Senate Assembly committees set for the Winter Term.

3:40: SACUA Chair Updates

Chair Conway said she had been notified in advance of the release of revised plans for the Winter Term on November 5, and had discussed reactions to the change with the Provost for 45 minutes. She sensed that the administration was signaling that it had heard the issues SACUA had brought forth. She said that the COVID Council had met twice, that members of the council felt good about the meetings, and that there is now a google doc to develop an agenda for future meetings. Asked about its relationship with SACUA, the COVID Council responded that it felt it should bring forth its own issues rather than issues transmitted by SACUA.

3:45 Senate Assembly Agenda Approval

Dr. Banasik said that voting at future Senate Assembly and Senate meetings will be make use of Qualtrix because Simply Voting is not ADA-accessible. She said the Faculty Senate Office will be asking for people to send comments on the Senate Assembly minutes in advance of the meeting.

Dr. Banasik said the guests who will be joining the Senate Assembly meeting on November 16 at 4:30 will present issues that they would like feedback on the appeal policy and the single investigator model (which is atypical of Big Ten procedures).

Chair Conway said that the breakout groups at 3:40 will develop topics for the Title IX discussion.

The Proposed agenda is as follows:

- 3:15: Call to order/ Welcome/Announcements/Approval of Agenda/Minutes of 9/21 and 10/26
- 3:20: Faculty Senate Office Updates –Open Mic, Electronic Meetings and Accessibility Task Force
- 3:25: SACUA Updates –COVID-19 Council, Response to Motions Meeting, LEO
- 3:40: Preparation for OIE and Title IX (breakout groups)
- 4:00: Office of Institutional Equity: President Schlissel and Tami Strickman, Associate Vice President of Institutional Equity
- 4:30: Interim Umbrella Policy: Tami Strickman, Elizabeth Seney, Title IX Coordinator; Christine Gerdes, Special Counsel to the Provost; Jim Burkel, Assistant Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs; Patty Petrowski, Associate Vice President and Deputy General Counsel
- 5:00: Adjourn

The Agenda was approved unanimously

3:50 Committee Liaison Reports

Academic Affairs Advisory Committee (AAAC): Professor Manera said the committee had discussed Office for Institution Equity (OIE) issues, specifically the role of advisors in Title IX processes. When asked how the administration’s Friday COVID briefings could be improved, the committee suggested the inclusion of more data, which appears to have influenced the briefing on November 6. The committee also discussed the plan for the Winter Term.

Development Advisory Committee (DAC): Librarian Spencer said the committee has met twice. In the first meeting the discussion focused on the way the office is structured to work with 35 fund raising units across campus, each of which is allowed to leverage its own unit culture. Representatives of these groups meet with Vice President Baird every two weeks, who receives input from the president and provost. A regular fundraising campaign lasts for 7-8 years. Faculty on the committee have been asking about how they can be better involved in raising money for things they care about. In the second meeting Medical School Eric Barritt, Associate Vice President and Chief Development Officer for Michigan Medicine discussed digital fundraising in the medical school, saying that there were between 80 and 100 annual appeals, 3001 donor visits, over 750 new major gifts and that 36,000 gifts have been closed. This money is used to help people not for an endowment, looking to restart the new hospital with 260 Intensive Care compatible beds.

Financial Affairs Advisory Committee (FAAC): Professor Dinov said the committee had met once and discussed the evolution of the endowment over the past 25 years.

General Counsel’s Advisory Committee (GCAC): Professor Ahbel-Rappe said the meeting was confidential.

Committee for Fairness, Equity and Inclusion (CFEI): Professor Ahbel-Rappe said representatives of this committee had spoken to SACUA at the November 2 meeting.

Government Relations Advisory Committee (GRAC): Professor Toyama said there have been two meetings, but he has not attended either. The last meeting did offer an update about the state appropriation, noting concern about the coming years and about the impact of governor's executive orders on the University.

Information Technology Committee (ITC): Professor Professor Liu said the committee had met once, the topic was the Faculty Senate meeting in September and the software platforms for such meetings. There was a suggestion that people should be testing the different features of zoom, and questions about formalizing rules for the use of the chat, and of live technical support for Faculty Senate Meetings (this has happened).

Research Policies Committee (RPC): Professor Liu said the committee has met twice, and that Vice President Cunningham was present for both meetings. The subject of the first meeting issues with Covid-19. In the second meeting there was discussion of the committee charges, and the possibility that the charges will change to include examination of the procedures and practices for community-based research, of the way that Covid-19 particularly impacts research of underrepresented faculty, on topic on which the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) is doing a survey. Conway said that research involving community involvement is also important. Chair Conway said that she is not opposed to the change the committee is suggesting, and suggested that people involved with public engagement visit the committee. She said consideration should be given to changing the name of the committee since it does not deal with research policy.

Secretary of the University Advisory Committee (SAC): Professor Gallo said the committee met twice on September 15 and October 6; she participated in the October 6 meeting, the next meeting is November 10. The topic of the meeting on October 6 was planning for the Regents' Forum. Secretary Churchill offered a historical overview of the way national, state and local politics have had an impact on regental elections. The agenda for the November 10 meeting will be reactions to the Winter Term plan. Chair Conway would like SAC to share SACUA's appreciation of its interaction with the Regents this year with Secretary Churchill. She said she hoped that SAC will advocate for a 30-minute presentation from faculty government to the regents each term.

Student Relations Advisory Committee (SRAC): Professor Toyama said first meeting discussed the strike by the Resident Advisors (RAs) and the student reaction to Covid-19. The second meeting was taken up by two resolutions from Central Student Government (CSG), one about grading regimes, the other about a quasi-spring break in the winter term. SRAC endorsed both resolutions.

Committee for the Economic and Social Well-Being of the Faculty (CESWF): Professor Finlayson send a report saying that the committee will do a survey on interventions of the impact of COVID-19 on faculty (work-life balance and research). Chair Conway said that the committee should partner with the Provost's office on this.

Committee on Oversight of Administrative Action (COAA): Professor Manera said the committee has discussed the role of the faculty advisor in OIE investigations, noting that there seems to be general concern with the advisor's role. The committee also discussed administrator evaluations, will continue to do so at the next meeting, based on the WilmerHale report. She said there was also discussion of the way leadership communicates on the response to the WilmerHale report.

4:31: Executive Session

4:59: 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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