Government Relations Advisory Committee (GRAC)  
September 15, 2020  
11:00-12:30 pm  
Zoom

**Attending:** Alexandra Rivera (Chair), Sara Ahbel-Rappe, Maria Conte, Justin Hodge, Vincent Glud, Renee Nguyen, Michael Thompson, Erin Kahle, Kara Charbarneau, John Mansfield, Daniil Manaenkov, Anna Ceballos

**Absent:** Morgan Beeler

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| 11:01 | Introduction to GRAC committee members:  
Each committee member stated:  
Name  
Position  
Why did you volunteer for the GRAC?  
What would you like the committee to accomplish this year?  
Goals:  
● Focus on transparency and honesty – importance of preemptive transparency not just reacting after an event.  
● Find out how the university is operating with the community “Town and Gown” relationship  
● How can the committee be more effective in advocating for university policies  
● Committee stay focused on broad issues vs. what is currently happening  
● Ascertain what the intersection is between governmental agencies and faculty interfaces with university  
● Health policy related to developing programs for prevention. |
| 11:18 | Committee reviewed and discussed the committee charge.  
● Chair spoke about the charge and the changes to broaden the charge.  
Suggested Changes:  
● Discuss strategies to advance civic engagement of UM faculty, students and staff.  
● Review current and projected state budgetary priorities, especially for Higher Education. Discuss state budget and identify its impact on university  
● Analyze and summarize community issues relevant to the UM community.  
Feedback:  
● More two way conversations  
● Pick concrete things to focus on  
● Town and Gown relationship  
● State budgets – how they impact the work of faculty |
| 12:00 | The committee discussed plans for next meetings.  
● How will the transition work when Vice President Wilbanks leaves in December 2020. |
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- The committee would like to meet with both Vice President Wilbanks and the incoming Vice President.
- Budget update and how it impacts the work of faculty.
- Executive Orders – how the university would react if the courts rule that executive orders are void in Michigan.
- What is the engagement with Ann Arbor community during COVID.
- What is the impact of the social justice movement on campus to the community.
- Actions of university Division of Public Safety and Security (DPSS)-how is that translating into actionable items, how the university actions can impact community.
- What guests should the committee invite?
- Request reports or research to help the committee with its work.