

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

Time	Topic
11:00	Meeting was called to order.
11:01	<p>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?</p> <p>Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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	<p>Committee reviewed and discussed the committee charge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair spoke about the charge and the changes to broaden the charge. <p>Suggested Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. <p>Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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	<p>The committee discussed plans for next meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How will the transition work when Vice President Wilbanks leaves in December 2020.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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.
12:55	<p>Matters Arising (Topics for next meeting)</p> <p>Extend the meeting half an hour after to follow up from visit. Ensure that Vice President Wilbanks can hear all voices.</p>
12:30	Meeting was Adjourned