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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA)  
Monday, 7 December 3:15 pm  
The meeting was held via Zoom because of the COVID-19 Shutdown

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

Absent: Ahbel-Rappe

Guests: Ashna Mehra, Ann Zaniewski Courtney Bullard, Asha Muldro, Krista Tongring; John Pasquale

3:15 : Call to Order/Approval of the Minutes/Approval of the Agenda

Chair Conway said that Professor Lehman had responded to an inquiry as to the reason for the inclusion of the text of ByLaw 4.01 as a part of the template for SACUA and Senate Assembly minutes. Professor Lehman said this began in 2001, when he was serving as Senate Secretary, as a reminder of SACUA's authority. At that time there was a contentious relationship between the Bollinger administration and SACUA with respect to a search for a provost, and the metamorphosis of the Board in Control of Intercollegiate Athletics to the Advisory Board for Intercollegiate Athletics (ABIA), which limited the faculty voice in the administration of intercollegiate athletics. Chair Conway suggested SACUA keep the ByLaw on the minutes template.

The minutes for November 9 were approved. Chair Conway proposed that there be a SACUA meeting on January 11, 2021 in preparation for the Senate Assembly meeting on January 25. SACUA agreed to schedule this meeting.

3:20 Faculty Senate Office Updates

Dr. Banasik said the Davis, Markert, Nickerson lecture, originally scheduled for Fall 2020, would be held on February 16, 2021 (<https://facultysenate.umich.edu/davis-markert-and-nickerson-lecture-on-academic-and-intellectual-freedom/>). In honor of the series' thirtieth anniversary there will be a panel discussion rather than a stand-alone lecture; the panelists have concurred with the Davis, Markert Nickerson Committee that the event will be held in a virtual format.

Dr. Banasik said that the Faculty Senate Office Coordinator position had been posted, and that a candidate will be selected early in the Winter Term.

3:25: SACUA updates

Chair Conway said she has sent a note advising Senate Assembly members about information they could share with their units. She will be meeting with Guidepost Solutions (<https://www.guidepostsolutions.com/>), and suggested that Senate Assembly members discuss the

University's response to the WilmerHale report, which Guidepost Solutions will be evaluating, with their units.

Professor Finlayson said that that Chair Conway's note was being discussed at UM-Dearborn. Chair Conway said that two Senate Assembly members will speak at a faculty meeting in the School of Music, Theater and Dance.

Chair Conway said she had discussed the mission of the Guidepost Solutions consultants with President Schlissel, and he shared his hope that Faculty Governance gets what it wants out of interaction with the consultants and advised SACUA to let him know if it needs assistance.

Chair Conway said that she attended the ABIA meeting on Friday and that there had been discussion about competing in the absence of fans.

3:45: Executive Session

Guidepost Solutions consultants  
Professor Pasquale

Chair Conway asked SACUA to approve the Senate Assembly Agenda for December 14 as follows:

Call to order/ Welcome/Announcements/Approval of Agenda/Minutes for 10/26

3:20Faculty Senate Office Updates

3:25SACUA Updates

3:30Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (OSSD) Syllabus Statement

3:45WilmerHale Consultants Executive Session

4:45Matters Arising

5:00Adjourn

The agenda was approved

5:01 Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,  
David S. Potter  
Senate Secretary

University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 5.02:

Governing Bodies in Schools and Colleges

Sec. 4.01 The University Senate

"...[t]he Senate is authorized to consider any subject pertaining to the interests of the university, and to make recommendations to the Board of Regents in regard thereto. Decisions of the University Senate with respect to matters within its jurisdiction shall constitute the binding action of the university faculties. Jurisdiction over academic policies shall reside in the faculties of the various schools and colleges, but insofar as actions by the several faculties affect university policy as a whole, or schools and colleges other than the one in which they originate, they shall be brought before the University Senate."

Rules of the University Senate, the Senate Assembly and the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs:

Senate: "In all cases not covered by rules adopted by the Senate, the procedure in Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed."

Assembly: “The Assembly may adopt rules for the transaction of its business. In appropriate cases not covered by rules of the Assembly, the rules of the University Senate shall apply.”

SACUA: “The committee may adopt rules for the transaction of its business.”