

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION  
Item for Information**

**SUBJECT: July 2021 Faculty Governance Update**

Overview of items discussed:

1. SACUA
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**1. SACUA**

SACUA does not ordinarily meet during the summer. However, understanding the potential need for SACUA to weigh in on fall planning and on other issues that may arise this summer, SACUA has scheduled a handful of meetings this summer, including a meeting on June 21. At this meeting, SACUA discussed the Interim Umbrella Policy with guests from the Provost's office and from the Office of General Counsel. Former SACUA member Deirdre Spencer, Librarian of Art History, presented a report on behalf of the Library Ad Hoc Committee, which was formed by SACUA to evaluate the influence of Open Access on publishing structures across disciplines, and to identify the impact of Open Access on financial operations of the University Press. The [final report is available on the Faculty Senate Office website](#). The [final report prepared by the WilmerHale Task Force](#), which was previously shared with the Regents, President, and Provost, has also been posted on the Faculty Senate Office website. SACUA also discussed a potential charge and roster for a Rules Committee that will consider updates to the current University Senate Rules including potential representation of clinical faculty in Faculty Senate.

**2. SENATE ASSEMBLY**

Senate Assembly did not have any scheduled meetings beyond its last meeting on May 10.

**3. SENATE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES**

Senate Assembly committees have completed their work for the academic year. Final reports have been received and posted for all committees. Reports are available on the [Faculty Senate Office website](#) on each committee's page under the Agenda, Minutes, and Other Materials tab.

**4. FACULTY SENATE**

There are no new updates for Faculty Senate at this time.

**5. FACULTY SENATE OFFICE**

The Faculty Senate Office is currently working on identifying and confirming committee chair appointments for Senate Assembly committees for the 2021-2022 academic year. Committee charges are also in development based on the recommendations of the committee members for each committee at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year.

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