



Secretary of the University Advisory Committee (SAC)

Minutes of October 14, 2021

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Present: Josh Ackerman, Muhammad Aslam, Kincaid Brown, Sally Churchill (VP and Secretary), Karen Fournier (Chair), Melissa Levine, Jenny Rickard, Merle Rosenzweig, Durga Singer (SACUA Liaison), Linda Zhu, MaryJo Banasik (Faculty Senate Office)

Absent: Emily Campbell, Rashmi Rama

8:05: Chair Fournier called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved.

Committee members introduced themselves, and new members were welcomed.

VP Churchill gave updates on a variety of topics. She noted that some presidential initiatives are being re-energized, such as some capital projects, after much focus has been dedicated to needs brought about by the pandemic,

Committee members gave feedback about the desire for robust communications during the leadership transition process as a new provost will be identified, and a presidential search will happen in the future.

The committee discussed the classroom experience and noted student mental health concerns, including depression and anxiety. It was noted that more support for students would be helpful.

Committee members noted that training concerning Individuals with Reporting Obligations as described in the Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct policy would be helpful so that faculty will know what their responsibilities are.

Future Topics: Chair Fournier noted that she received an inquiry from a Senate Assembly member about a palm-oil free campus. Carbon neutrality, capital projects, transportation, and hybrid meetings were identified as potential future topics for the committee to discuss. Chair Fournier encouraged committee members to send additional topics.

9:23: The meet was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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