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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs
Monday, July 25, 2022, 3:15-5:00pm
The Hybrid meeting was held at Ruthven 1100 and via Zoom

In person attendees: Chair Pedraza, Vice Chair Singer, Faculty Senate Office Director McCarthy, Prof. Cushing, Prof. Modrak, Prof. Villalobos, Faculty Senate Coordinator Marshall, Secretary Spencer
Online Attendee: Prof. Atzmon
Absent: Past Chair Liu, Prof. Braun, Prof. Toyama

Guests: In person: Ann Zaniewski-*The University Record*
Guests: Remote via Zoom: Azul Blaquier, Samantha Rich – *The Michigan Daily*
Faculty Guests from UM Flint

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:17pm. The minutes from the June 13, 2022, minutes were approved upon correction of the name of Prof. Villalobos.

3:20 SACUA Chair Updates – The Chair introduced the new Faculty Senate Office Director Lucas McCarthy, JD PhD. She thanked SACUA members for populating the Senate Assembly committees and reading the committee final reports. Planning continues for the Fall retreat. The Chair met with individuals from the Survey Research Center to discover how we might improve the response rate of AEC evaluations. The Chair and Faculty Senate Office (FSO) Director are planning the first Senate Assembly and Faculty Senate meetings of the year. Planning is also underway for the Regent's Forum scheduled for October 3, 2022, in University Hall on the second floor of the Ruthven Building. A luncheon is also planned for Senate Assembly Committee Chairs, to give them an orientation re how to be a good Chair of a committee. The new building of Ruthven does present SACUA with new opportunities for planned events.

3:30 Flint Crisis: – Executive Session – Professor Cushing alerted SACUA about the creation of a new academic division, the College of Innovation and Technology (CIT) at the expense of an existing division, the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS). This move was conducted by the administration without input from faculty governance. The broad objective of the university is to move the curriculum to a focus on STEM education and to increase the marketability of graduates. SACUA decided that the Chair and the FSO Director will write a letter stating their concerns both from the point of view of the CAS in UM-Flint and the failure to incorporate faculty input into the process. The letter will be authored by the SACUA Chair and the FSO Director and SACUA's approval will be sought.

4:36 FSO Director on Faculty Grievance Case – Executive Session – SACUA has received concerns regarding the Law School's Grievance Procedure.

4:45 Police Oversight Committee – SACUA approved the endorsement of a slate of

candidates for the 2022 election of the Faculty Senate member of the Police Department Oversight Committee. That endorsed slate of candidates is as follows: Stephen J. Rush and Bryan Karle Roby. All Ann Arbor members of the Faculty Senate will vote in that election, which will occur over a one-week period from July 26, 2022 until August 2, 2022.

4:55 Meeting Adjourned

5:00 Reception: A welcome reception was held in honor of the new Faculty Senate Office Director, Lucas McCarthy, J.D. PhD. SACUA members and Luke shared a cake that said "SACUA Welcomes Luke" and wine or lemonade. A photo was taken in the Ruthven reception area.

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."