

Minutes August 15, 2022  
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs  
Monday, August 15, 2022, Time 3:15  
The hybrid meeting was held at Ruthven 1100 and virtually via Zoom

In Person Attendees: Chair Pedraza, Faculty Senate Office Director McCarthy, Faculty Senate Office Coordinator Marshall, Professor Braun, Professor Toyama, Professor Villalobos, Secretary Spencer  
Remote Attendees: Professor Atzmon, Professor Cushing, Professor Liu, Professor Modrak  
Absent: Vice Chair Singer

Guests: In Person: Provost Laurie McCauley, Executive Council to the Provost Christine Gerdes  
Guest: Remote: Chief Health Officer Robert Ernst  
Guest: Remote: Professor David Potter

Press: Remote: Ann Zaniwski – *The University Record*  
There was no representation from *The Michigan Daily*

3:15: Chair Pedraza called the meeting to order at 3:15pm. The minutes from the July 25, 2022, meeting were approved upon making corrections requested by Prof. Cushing. He asked that the minutes address the lack of rationale for the CSA to CIT move at UM Flint.

- 3:20: SACUA Chair's Update: The Chair reported that SACUA crafted a letter to the Regents and other key officers of the university regarding the UM-Flint crisis. The letter was endorsed by SACUA and sent to all key UM officers of the university as well as the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).
- Chair Pedraza, Vice Chair Singer and Faculty Senate Office Director McCarthy continue to work on the SACUA Fall retreat.
- Chair Pedraza met with Professor Semyon Meerkov, Chair of the Administrative Evaluation Committee (AEC). He plans to create four subcommittees of AEC to diversify the goals and distribute the workload. Chair Pedraza has been working with the subcommittee to increase the response rate of the survey participants.
- A luncheon is planned for committee chairs on Wednesday September 21, 2022, to share best practices of committee leadership.
- On Wednesday August 24<sup>th</sup> a new faculty orientation was attended by Chair Pedraza and FSO Director McCarthy, where they distributed two handouts. One

was entitled “Faculty Senate: We Are the Voice of the Faculty,” featuring the photograph taken after our July 25, 2022, SACUA meeting.

3:30: Mask Mandate Discussion and COVID Fall Planning: Guests were Provost Laurie K. McCauley, Provost’s Special Council Christine Gerdes, and Chief Health Officer Robert Ernst: **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

3:45: COVID Concerns discussion led by Professors Villalobos and Atzman with Provost McCauley and Health Officer Ernst. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

3:55: Syllabus Insert Discussion led by Professors Modrak and guest Professor David Potter. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

4:20: Work Connections Report, Discussion led by Allen Liu. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

4:40: FSO Director Update: the written report of FSO Director McCarthy was received.

4:45: Matters Arising: Discussion arose regarding encouraging in-person meetings as opposed to online or hybrid meetings. In some departments, the virtual meetings actually have better attendance than in-person meetings; in other departments, faculty have returned to in-person meetings or to a hybrid meeting.

5:05: Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 5:05pm

Addenda:

#### University Senate Actions

The following actions are being added to the SACUA minutes of the August 15, 2022 meeting:

- On August 2, 2022, the Ann Arbor members of the University Senate elected Bryan Karle Roby to serve a two-year term as the Faculty Senate member of the Police Department Oversight Committee.
- Pursuant to the decisions of the award committees, two individuals were selected for recognition for their exemplary service within the UM Library system. Librarian Judy Smith, in Taubman Health Sciences Library, received the 2022 University Librarian Achievement Award. Callum Carr, an Assistant Archivist in the Flit Library, received the 2022 Librarian Recognition Award.

#### SACUA Actions

Between meetings, SACUA has performed the following actions:

- Following a request from the Provost’s Office for a ranked list of three SACUA

nominations for the School of Dentistry Dean Search Advisory Committee, SACUA performed an e-vote of nominees on July 14, 2022, with the first three names resulting from that vote being returned to the Provost's Office by the FSO on July 14th in the following order: 1. Mark Fitzgerald, 2. Hsiao Hsin Sung Hsieh, and 3. Martha McComas.

- On July 29, 2022, SACUA appointed by e-vote, Linda Kendall Knox and Evgueni Filipov to the Michigan Union Board of Representatives.
- On August 11, 2022, SACUA approved sending a letter regarding the Flint CAS to CIT transfers.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre D. Spencer  
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."