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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs
Monday, August 29, 2022, Time 3:15
The hybrid meeting was held in 1100 Ruthven and via Zoom

In Person Attendance: Chair Pedraza, Vice Chair Singer, Professor Braun, Professor Liu, Professor Toyama, Professor Villalobos, Faculty Senate Office Coordinator Marshall, Secretary Spencer

Remote Attendance: Faculty Senate Office Director McCarthy, Professor Atzmon, Professor Cushing, Professor Modrak.

Press: Virtual Attendance –
Ann Zaniwski – *The University Record*,
Marlee Sacksner -*The Michigan Daily*

Guests: Virtual Attendance
Dinesh Pal, incoming CAR Chair, Associate Professor of Anesthesiology

UM Flint Faculty Representatives:
James Schirmer <jschirm@umich.edu>, UM-Flint AAUP, CAS, Associate Professor of English
Jacob Lederman <jaclede@umich.edu>, UM-Flint AAUP, CAS, Associate Professor of Urban Sociology
Jason Kosnoski kosnoski@umich.edu, UM-Flint AAUP, CAS, Associate Professor of Political Science
Marilyn Filter, msfilter@umich.edu, UM-Flint, Chair of the UM-Flint Faculty Senate Council, Associate Professor of Nursing

3:15 – The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:13. The minutes of the August 15, 2022, were approved by consent.

3:20 – Chair Update:

(1). The Chair reported that she continues her efforts to meet with each SACUA member to get to know them and to learn their concerns and ideas for SACUA.

(2). She and the FSO Director have been reviewing Robert's Rules of Order to be applied to Senate Assembly meetings. They are working with Ruthven IT to apply electronic voting and will be scheduling a mock meeting.

(3). The FSO and Jamie Zawistowski are interviewing candidates for the FSO Coordinator position.

(4). The Chair serves on the Advisory Board of Intercollegiate Athletics (ABIA) which met virtually on August 26, 2022. The group focuses on the academic success of the student

athletes. She was disappointed in the option of students taking classes on a Pass/Fail basis that was put in place during COVID but is now being reinstated at a student's request. The request for Pass/Fail may be issued until the end of the semester and will not affect the student's GPA.

(5). The Chair is making efforts to interact with the new Senate Assembly Committee chairs and their new committee charges.

(6). The Chair and Vice Chair attended the New Student Orientation and were part of the Platform Party. The Chair carried the ceremonial mace and advocated for the Chair to speak at the event as was the case in times past. Event organizer, Amanda Bynum said she would take the recommendation under advisement.

(7). Compliance efforts are still going forth. The Chair is searching for an institutional home for Professors Conway and Potter.

3:35 – The Faculty Senate Office Director Report:

(1). The FSO continues planning for the Regent's Candidates Forum, and the SACUA Retreat. The Regent's candidate forum is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2022, 10AM in Regent's Hall, of the Ruthven Administration Building. FSO Director requests recommendations for questions to ask of the candidates. The SACUA Retreat is scheduled for October 21st at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens.

(2). Work continued toward developing an Office of Ethics and Compliance.

(3). Works with Dr. Robert Ernst, Chief Medical Officer to include SACUA representation regarding COVID policy input.

(4). Work continues to clarify and streamline the grievance system.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

3:50 Committee on Anti-Racism (CAR) Update – Current Chair Dr. Dinesh Pal, Past Chair Secretary Spencer -- Executive Session

4:10 COVID Safety in Classrooms Update – Prof. Atzmon -- Executive Session

4:20 Flint Unit Transfers -- Executive Session

4:40 Matters Arising – No meeting next Monday due to Labor Day.

5:00 Adjourned -- The meeting was adjourned at 5:04

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 polices 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."