

Minutes September 12, 2022  
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs  
Monday, September 12, 2022, 3:00  
The Hybrid meeting was held in 1100 Ruthven and via Zoom

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

Remote Attendees: Professor Atzmon, Professor Cushing

Press:

Ann Zaniewski – *The University Record* & Office of Public Affairs – in person attendance  
Katie Kelton – *The University Record* (will succeed Ann) – in person attendance  
Marlee Sacksner, *The Michigan Daily*- remote attendance

Guests:

Professor Paul Fossum, Parliamentarian – remote attendance

3:15 – The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:17. The minutes of the August 29, 2022, were approved by consent with a minor name correction.

3:20 – SACUA Chair's Report:

(1). The Chair reported that she had just come from a luncheon for Senate Assembly Committee Chairs. It was very well attended, with 14 of 18 committee chairs in attendance. The luncheon was an opportunity for the SACUA Chair to convey best practices for committee chairs on “How to Chair a Meeting” and for them to engage in dialog with each other, the most prevalent topic being that administrators rarely follow their recommendations.

(2). The Faculty Senate Office has just hired Eric Vandenberghe as the new, full-time Coordinator. He comes to us from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where he was an Administrative and Financial Assistant in the Chemistry Department. He holds a Master's degree in Jurisprudence, Legal Doctrine and Analysis from Michigan State University, and a Master's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Toledo.

(3). The Faculty Senate Office has been learning how to conduct Senate Assembly meetings using Robert's Rules of Order (the old way) and electronic voting

(the new way). They are working with the staff of Ruthven's Information Technology, and a trial meeting went well.

(4). The Chair continues efforts to meet with each Senate Assembly Committee Chair.

(5). On September 21, 2022, there will be a SA committee member luncheon.

3:30 FSO Director McCarthy submitted his written report to SACUA. He discussed two of the report items with SACUA:

(1). Director McCarthy contacted Erik Mattila, U-M's Clery Compliance and Date Assurance Manager, and they discussed the information being sent to some faculty regarding mandatory reporting obligations. The Clery Act information available online will be updated later this year, and Director McCarthy is asking faculty for suggestions he can bring to Erik Mattila to help revise the available information.

(2). The Faculty Senate Office has received a concern that the new recreation center will not have separate locker room facilities for the faculty. This is a concern because of our efforts to try to structure our campus environments to minimize risks to student safety. He needs to verify that the current building design plans do not include separate faculty locker rooms.

3:40 Senate Assembly Meeting Agenda Planning

(1). There will be opportunities for open conversation and discussion at the Senate Assembly meeting on September 26, 2022, and most likely on October 25, 2022.

(2). Professor Liu sent out a list of possible topics of interest for SA to discuss based on a survey.

(3). The Chair will report info from the Office of Budget and Planning.

(4). The Chair plans to secure our relationship with faculty and be more pro-active than re-active where possible.

(5). The Director plans to concentrate on streamlining and publicizing the grievance procedures

4:00 What is our name? Parliamentarian Professor Paul Fossum led the discussion:

(1). The Regents and the rules refer to the "University Senate," yet all of our branding says, "Faculty Senate."

(2). Before we spend time and monetary resources changing our branding from Faculty to University Senate, we should work through the issue associated with expanding our membership to include Clinical Faculty and LEO.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

4:20 Work Connections – Executive Session

(1). Discussions regarding when Independent Medical Examiners (IME) vs. Michigan Medicine (MM) can be used.

4:30 The Working Group on Public Health – Director McCarthy – Executive Session

(1). Succeeded in having two SACUA members (Vice Chair Singer and Tom Braun) included as part of a small group who will meet with Robert Ernst, his Chief of Staff, Provost's counsel Christine Gerdes, and FSO Director McCarthy.

4:50 Matters Arising

(1). Regarding the Public Health Infectious Disease Response Advisory Committee, the director will bring up the topics of room ventilation, MPOX, COVID boosters, and course modality changes with Vice Chair Singer and Tom Braun as possible items for consideration by the new Working Group on Public Health.

5:08 Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:08

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."