

Minutes: September 19, 2022
Circulated: September 23, 2022
Approved: October 3, 2022

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs
Monday, September 19, 2022, 3:00
The hybrid meeting was held in 1100 Ruthven and via Zoom

In Person Attendance: Chair Pedraza, Vice Chair Singer, Professor Braun, Professor Liu, Professor Villalobos, FSO Director McCarthy, FSO Coordinator Marshall, Secretary Spencer

Virtual Attendance: Professor Atzmon, Professor Cushing, Professor Modrak, Professor Toyama

Press:
Katie Kelton: *The University Record -- Remote*
Shehrez (Rez) Chaudhri: *The Michigan Daily – remote*

Guests:
Tabbye Chavous, Vice Provost for Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI)
Nicolai Lehnert, Chair CFEI – in person
Dinesh Pal, Chair CAR – absent

3:15 – Call to order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:15. The minutes for the 9-12-2022 meeting were approved by consent. The Chair left the meeting at 4:20 to attend an LSA faculty orientation event. The meeting was then chaired by Vice Chair Singer. There was no official Chair report.

3:20 -- Faculty Composition Data – The Chair reported data related to the composition of the Faculty Senate regarding the ratio between clinical faculty and tenure track faculty. The issue was whether clinical faculty should be represented within the Faculty Senate along with tenure track faculty. The chair reported statistical data which essentially indicated that the numbers of clinical and LEO faculty have grown at an exponentially higher rate than tenure track faculty during the past 30 years. In May 2006 the Senate Assembly voted to admit assistant librarians into the faculty ranks but a similar vote regarding clinical faculty was postponed. (At the end of the meeting Professor Liu emailed the 2006 document to SACUA members).

Executive Session:
3:30 – Tabbye Chavous, Vice Provost for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, DEI – Initiatives Observers Nicolai Lehnert CEFI Chair and Dinesh Pal, CAR Chair – Executive Session. She responded to a list of prepared questions as well as those presented by the guests. – Executive Session

4:00 – Post-Guest SACUA Discussion – The foundation for a positive working relationship was established. -- Executive Session

4:15 – FSO Director Updates: The written report of the FSO Director was received and placed on file, with updates including but not limited to the following:

- Committee charges continue to be updated.
- Met with IT to prepare for the Regent’s Candidate’s Forum. Waiting to hear from two candidates.
- Arranged for ECRT and CCRT to guests to visit SACUA.
- Prepared September Faculty Senate Newsletter.
- Sent bios of SACUA leadership to Incoming President Santa Ono’s office staff in preparation for our meeting.
- Solicited RSVPs for Senate Assembly Committee member’s luncheon.

4:20 – Senate Assembly Committee Charges – There was a discussion on revising the current drafts of the charges according to a number of suggestions submitted by SACUA members. The suggestions were welcome, but there was not time at the meeting to review and vote on those suggested revisions. Moreover, SACUA needed to forward approved charges to the Senate Assembly for the Assembly’s September meeting next week. Therefore, on the suggestion of the FSO director, Allen Liu moved and SACUA unanimously approved the following:

- The charges for the following committees presented to SACUA are approved as currently written: AAAC, AEC, CAC, CAR, CFEI, DAC, DMNC, ITC, RAC, RPP, SAC, and SRAC;
- The FSO office will compile all of the suggested revisions for each committee and forward them to the chairs of the respective committees for their review and input;
SACUA will consider again the suggested revisions as amendments to the approved charges, with any SACUA approved amendments to be forwarded to the Senate Assembly prior to its October meeting.

4:30 – Senate Assembly Meeting Agenda – SACUA approved the September Senate Assembly meeting agenda as presented to the committee prior to the meeting.

4:50 – Matters Arising:

Discussion carried over regarding the proportionality of tenure track vs. clinical and LEO faculty, and the reasons for this being the case in various schools, colleges and departments.

Professor Liu distributed the May 2006 Senate Assembly report regarding the inclusion of non-tenure track faculty into the Faculty Senate, as well as Instructional and clinical faculty data from a March 2021 report produced by the clinical faculty working group.

5:00 – Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

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."