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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs  
Monday, October 3, 2022, 3:15  
The meeting was held 1100 Ruthven and Hybrid via Zoom

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

Remote Attendees: Professor Atzmon, Professor Cushing, Professor Modrak, Professor Toyama

Press:  
Jeff Bleiler – *The University Record*  
Marlee Sacksner, Charlie Martin -- *The Michigan Daily*

Guests:  
UM Flint Guest

3:15 -- The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:15, The minutes of the 9/19/2022 meeting were approved.

3:20 – The Chair's Update:

- The Regent's Candidates Forum took place on October 3, 2022, at 10:00AM, in the Ruthven Building's University Hall. Hosted were 2 incumbent Democrats (Kathy White and Michael Behm), a Republican (Sevag Vartanian) and a Green Party Candidate (Sherry Wells). The candidates responded to 8 previously submitted questions.
- SACUA presented its Faculty Awards to 4 faculty members at a dinner on October 4, 2022. This year we mistakenly omitted Natalia Czap from UM Dearborn for the Jackie Lawson award. She will certainly be remembered next year.
- The Chair and FSO Director discovered that emeritus faculty were not receiving the Faculty Senate Newsletter. The discrepancy was corrected and they are now receiving the newsletter and will henceforth.
- On September 26, 2022, the Chair, Vice Chair, FSO Director, and Professor Liu held a successful, virtual meeting with President Santa Ono. He provided information regarding his work with indigenous communities which was circulated to SACUA, with whom he looks forward to meeting.

- Also on September 26, 2022, the Chair, Immediate Past Chair, as well as FSO Director met with VP Tim Lynch of the Office of the General Counsel, VP/Secretary of the University Sally Churchill, and VP for Equity Civil Rights & Title IX Tami Strickman, as well as Professors Colleen Conway and David Potter regarding the Office of Ethics, Integrity, and Compliance (EIC). The discussion centered on the many efforts undertaken by Conway and Potter regarding sexual harassment and other abuses of power. For more information see: [publicaffairs.vpcomm.umich.edu](http://publicaffairs.vpcomm.umich.edu)
- Another important occurrence on September 26, 2022, was the first Senate Assembly meeting of the academic year. The meeting successfully combined traditional parliamentary procedure with new technology in the form of videoconferencing and electronic voting. At this meeting the Senate Assembly voted to include the word “caste” into the anti-discrimination language of our Bylaws. Implementation will be the next undertaking in this process.
- The Chair as well as the FSO Director continue to meet with new committee chairs regarding the committee charges.
- On September 27, 2022, the Chair and FSO Director met with the Coordinated Community Response Team – CCRT which is still in a formative stage.
- On September 27, 2022, the Chair and Director met with Robert Ortega and Michelle Hanoosh of the Faculty Ombuds Office. They are invited to address SACUA as part of our efforts to study the grievance system writ large.
- Provost McCauley issued a letter to SACUA and the Work Connections Working Group, to accompany the Report of the Provost’s Committee on Work Connections.
- The DMN Lecture Committee issued a statement regarding the passing of Chandler Davis, the only surviving member of the group for whom the lecture series on academic freedom was founded. The FSO will request that The University Record publish the memorial statement in the Faculty Perspectives section.
- UM Flint Chancellor Dutta met with Chair Pedraza, Vice Chair Singer, Past Chair and SACUA Member Liu, and FSO Director McCarthy.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

3:30 – UM Flint Guest -- Executive Session

4:00 -- Post Guest Discussion -- Executive Session

4:10 – Clinical Faculty Membership Discussion – Executive Session

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

SACUA Actions:

Between meetings, SACUA has performed the following actions that are now included in the SACUA minutes:

- Between the 9/12/22 and 9/19/22 meetings, SACUA received a request from the Co-Chairs of the CCRT for nominations to be SACUA's representative for the CCR. Pursuant to that request, SACUA nominated with unanimous consent SACUA members Rebekah Modrak and Tom Braun. The FSO returned those names to the CCRT, with one of those nominations to be selected by the CCRT as SACUA's representative.

- On September 19th, SACUA received a request from the Provost's Office for three nominations each for three dean search advisory committees: Law, Public Policy, and the School of Information. After receiving nominations, SACUA performed an e-vote, with the results of the top three nominees being the following:

- Law School
  1. Pamela Smock
  2. Sam Erman
  3. JJ Prescott
- School of Information
  1. Kentaro Toyama
  2. Sarita Schoenebeck
  3. Tie: Leena Lalwani OR Rebecca Welzenbach
- Public Policy  
SACUA approved the following slate of nominees:
  1. Ann Chih Lin,
  2. Megan Tompkins-Stange,
  3. Sergio Villalobos-Ruminott

The above nominees were returned to the Provost's Office for possible appointment.

- Over email, SACUA and the DMN Committee approved for publication a statement on the passing of H. Chandler Davis, who was one of the three faculty for whom the annual DMN lecture is named.

4:45 – Matters Arising – SACUA members would like to have the FSO Director as an observer at the committee meetings for a 201.96 Working Group being formed.

5:00 – Adjourned -- The meeting adjourned at 5:07pm

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."