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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs
Monday, October 10, 2022, 3:15
The hybrid meeting was held in 1100 Ruthven and via Zoom

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

Remote Attendees: Michael Atzmon, Professor Cushing, Professor Modrak, Professor Villalobos

Press

Katie Kelton (THE RECORD) -- Virtual
Laura Hurlburt (THE DAILY) – In Person

Guests – In Person

Tami Strickman
Executive Director and Special Advisor to President
Equity, Civil Rights and Title IX (ECRT)

Elizabeth Seney
Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct Director and the Title IX Coordinator (ECRT)

Kaaren Williamsen
Director of the Prevention, Education, Assistance and Resources (PEAR) w/ ECRT

Tanesia White
Civil Rights Director (ECRT)

Mike Solomon
Dean, Rackham Graduate School

Christine Gerdes
Special Counsel to the Provost

Observers
Dinesh Pal, CAR (tentative)
Nicolai Lehnert, CFEI

3:15 – Call to Order / 10/03/ Minutes approved by consent / Announcements

3:20 – SACUA Chair Update:

The Chair and FSO Director met this past Friday with James Iseler and Katie Kelton of THE RECORD. As you know, their position regarding publishing a faculty obituary was that they only do so for active faculty, not for all faculty as Michigan's size makes that impossible.

However, when the Chair mentioned our idea of turning the Chandler Davis obituary (I believe written by Gary Krenz) into an item for the *Faculty Perspectives* page of THE RECORD, they were quite pleased. James Iseler particularly encouraged us to focus the article more on what Chandler Davis meant for academic freedom at U of M.

As we know, the *Faculty Perspectives* has a limit of 800 words (the piece as now written is less than that). Since the Obituary is now on SACUA's website, the piece for THE RECORD could include a link to that obituary on the SACUA website. The piece for THE RECORD itself should be more about the importance of academic freedom at U of M and what Chandler Davis' life meant for that goal. The *Faculty Perspective* article will be signed by those who wrote it and will have SACUA's imprimatur.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

3:30 – ECRT Guests: Tami Strickman, Tanisha White, Elizabeth Seney, and Kaaren Williamsen. -- Executive Session

Faculty Member Observer: Nicolai Lehnert (CFEI Chair) present.

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

4:20 – Guests: Rackham Dean Mike Solomon and Christine Gerdes – Executive Session.

4:40 – SA Committee Charges – Prior to the meeting, new charges for the following committees were circulated to the members: COAA, FAAC, GCAC, MAAC. Amended Charges for the following committees were also circulated to the members: AEC and ITC. SACUA voted to approve the committee charges.

4:50 – SACUA voted to approve the Senate Assembly agenda for the October 24, 2022 meeting, which was circulated to the members prior to the meeting. Under discussion will be clinical and lecturer membership. Breakout groups will be random or pre-populated based on IT recommendations and will hopefully be chaired by members of RPP. The final order of business will be a review of grievance policies and procedures to inform the SA membership of SACUA's efforts.

4:55 – Matters Arising – There was more detailed discussion regarding grievance.

Addendum:

FSO Director's Update:

SACUA Actions -- Between meetings, SACUA has performed the following actions:

- On September 27th, SACUA received a request from the Provost's Office for 3-5 nominations for a new SPG 201.96 Review Faculty Group. SACUA received nine interested and eligible nominations. On October 7th, SACUA completed an e-vote on those nominations.
- Because the request was for a range of nominations (3-5), SACUA voted on how many nominations to return. SACUA voted to return three nominations.
- The results for the top three nominations were as follows:
 - 1. TIE: Kentaro Toyama and Michael Thouless
 - 3. TIE: Alison Mondul and John Cheney-Lippold

Because of the tie for third place, the following nominees were returned to the Provost's Office on October 7th for possible appointment: Kentaro Toyama, Michael Thouless, Alison Mondul, and John Cheney-Lippold.

5:00 – Adjournment -- The meeting adjourned at 5:03pm

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."