



Secretary Advisory Committee (SAC) 2021/2022 Year-End Report

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Meeting Dates: October 14, 2021
November 4, 2021
December 2, 2021
January 10, 2022
March 2, 2022
April 11, 2022

Report on Activities of SAC for AY2022/23

Summary:

The topics of focus for the year included:

Summary Topic 1: Presidential search

Following the departures of Provost Philbert and President Schlissel, members of the SAC committee requested that we have a discussion about procedures involved in the replacement of both position and about faculty involvement in the selection both of the Provost and the President. This discussion occupied many meetings through the year. Secretary Churchill shared, during the December 2021 meeting, that the Provost would be replaced by an interim Provost, opening the possibility that the new President would select a Provost in line with his/her vision for U-M. Secretary Churchill also assured us that the Presidential search would be transparent, open, and would involve faculty input both on the search committee and, more broadly, through input solicited from across campus.

Summary Topic 2: Campus sexual and gender-based misconduct policy

The committee entered into an ongoing discussion of gender-based misconduct policies over the course of many of our meetings. These



discussions were spurred on not only because of some concerning incidents that have come to light on campus (through, for example, reporting in the *Michigan Daily*), but also because of the circumstances surrounding the departure of our two top administrative leaders. The committee discussed concerns about optics and the potential impact on faculty and students.

In discussions with Secretary Churchill, it became clear that this will be one of the ongoing points of discussion into AY2022/23, when the new President joins our community. She encouraged the committee to review the minutes from the July 2021 Regent's meeting, and to the considerable work already undertaken by Guidepost Solutions. The committee was also directed to the link for [Protection for Retaliation SPG 601.90](#) and to the many excellent training resources provided by [CRLT Players](#).

Summary Topic 3: U-M relevancy across the state

Secretary Churchill spent the bulk of our last meeting on issues of enrollment and the growing size of the University, and the impact of both on housing and other local issues. We discussed long-term planning for improved housing on North Campus and additional housing options for students both on North and Central campuses. We also discussed the importance of connections to other parts of the state (we talked, for example, about the Detroit Centre, where the committee considered what the University hopes to accomplish with its presence in the city). Relevancy across the state was at the forefront of our discussions at the end of the term because the Regents planned to meet in St. Ignace in April and to focus on the impact of U-M across the state during that meeting.