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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Senate Assembly

Monday, September 26, 2022, 3:15

The Hybrid meeting was held in 2000 University Hall, Ruthven Building and Zoom

Physical Attendees: Jonathan Brennan, Mihai Burzo, Daniel Drake, Mark Guzdial, Ingrid Hendy, Carolyn Kuranz, Allen Liu, Silvia Pedraza, Rogerio Pinto, Andre Rocha, Kanakadurga Singer, Kentaro Toyama, Deirdre Spencer.

Virtual Attendees: Lindsay Kennedy Admon, Michael Atzmon, Tom Braun, Jennifer Bridwell-Rabb, Amanda Brown, Allen Burton, Deepa Butoliya, Yi-Su Chen, Clifford Suhyun Cho, Simon Cushing, Aileen Das, Ivo Dinov, Francine Dolins, Monica Dus, Margherita Fontana, Christopher Friese, Anouck Girard, Hollis Griffin, Seth Guikema, Gary Hammer, Daniel Hertz, Min-Hui Huang, Amy Hughes, Luke Hyde, Raffi Indjejikian, Inderjit Kaur, Ella Kazerooni, Shake Ketefian, Frederick Korley, Esther Launstein, Brian Love, Suresh Madathilparambil, Ishani Maitra, Vilma Mesa, Rebekah Modrak, Amy Myers, Chinedum Okwudire, Dinesh Pal, Phillip Palmbo, Jessica Pasquale, Derek Peterson, Nicholson Price, Kaitlin Raimi, Venkatram Ramaswamy, Harmony Reppond, Alexander Rickard, Perry Samson, Sara Soderstrom, Quentin Stout, DJ Trela, Sergio Villalobos Ruminott, Alex Yi, Alexander Zaslavsky, Bradley Zebrack, Yaqing Zhang.

Nonmembers Present: Matt Bonam (IT), Paul Fossum (Senate Parliamentarian), Mario Guerra (IT), Navya Gupta (Michigan Daily), JD Jordan (IT), Katherine Kelton (Record), Ann Marshall (FSO Coordinator), and Luke McCarthy (FSO Director).

3:15 – Chair Pedraza called the meeting to order at 3:16, with Secretary Spencer serving as secretary. Expectations regarding meeting format and etiquette were reviewed. Also covered were the mechanics of electronic voting which would take place. The minutes from the April 18, 2022, meeting were approved by consent.

3:30 – Chair Update -- The Chair issued her official welcome for the first Senate Assembly meeting of the academic year. She described the organization of the Faculty Senate Office and introduced the new staff members, Coordinator Ann Marshall and Director Luke McCarthy, who have been instrumental in organizing this and other meetings. She also informed the group of another full-time FSO employee who will be arriving in mid-October. The FSO Director also presented an overview of the Senate Assembly and how it relates to the Faculty Senate and to SACUA.

3:45 – Faculty Senate Office Director's Update – The Director expressed appreciation for the FSO staff and particularly the Ruthven Information Technology team for their hard work in figuring out the intricacies of Simply Voting in a hybrid environment. He conveyed the membership numbers and configuration of the Faculty Senate (over 4000 faculty members representing Ann Arbor, Flint, and Dearborn campuses); Senate Assembly (74 faculty members); and SACUA which is the executive arm (9 members). The Secretary introduced herself to the group.



3:50 – Vote to Approve the Senate Assembly Charges. – In advance of the meeting, committee charges for the following Senate Assembly committees were circulated: AAAC, AEC, CAC, CAR, CFEI, DAC, DMNC, ITC, RAC, RPP, SAC, SRAC. On a motion, with a second, to approve the submitted committee charges, the Senate Assembly voted electronically. The motion passed 49 to 0, with 3 abstentions.

4:00 – Anti Caste Discrimination Resolution and Anti-Racism Statement Regarding Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese and Pacific Islander – Circulated prior to the meeting were the following: (1) Anti-Racism Statement Regarding those of Chinese, Japanese, Taiwanese, Korean, and Pacific Islander Descent and (2) Definition of South Asian Caste System and Anti-Caste Discrimination Language. A motion, with a second, was raised to postpone considering the Anti-Racism Statement Regarding those of Chinese, Japanese, Taiwanese, Korean, and Pacific Islander Descent. After discussion, the motion passed. A motion, with a second, was raised to postpone considering the Definition of South Asian Caste System and Anti-Caste Discrimination Language. After discussion, the motion failed. A motion, with a second, was raised to approve the Anti-Caste resolution but with the minor typographical error in the title word "DISCRIMINATION" corrected to "DISCRIMINATION." The Senate Assembly voted electronically, and the motion passed 49 to 2, with 3 abstentions.

4:20 – SA Breakout Sessions: Issues and Topics for the Year – There were 8 breakout groups which discussed possible topics to be undertaken for the upcoming academic year. Each group was moderated by a SACUA member who also served as scribe. Each scribe reported from their respective group toward the end of the meeting.

4:50 Matters Arising -- There was continued conversation among group members after the conclusion of the meeting and break out groups.

5:00 Adjourned -- The meeting adjourned at 5:02.

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."