Government Relations Advisory Committee
Minutes

Minutes of September 29, 9:15-10:00 am, regular meeting
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Present: Ruth Person (Chair), Chris Kolb (VP for Government Relations), Silvia Pedraza (SACUA Liaison), Mark Kushner, Eesha Acharya, Ramiro Garcia, Ann Marshall (secretary)

9:07 Chair Person called the meeting to order

1. Introductions

2. Discussion on Proposed GRAC Agenda Items & Work for 2022-2023. Topics discussed include:
   i. Possible guests to invite to GRAC meetings: Kristina Ko (Executive Director of Federal Relations), Rebecca DeVooght (State Relations Director), the new Ann Arbor City Administrator Milton Dohoney
   ii. Michigan Road Scholar Tour: [link]
   iii. VP Kolb’s plans for extending U-M’s impact statewide
   iv. VP Kolb’s efforts to increase grant funding for UM researchers
   v. Faculty interest in having input before decisions are made and how to better disseminate information and engage faculty on government relations issues
   vi. How might faculty expertise/connections with NSF, DOE, etc. better coincide with Government Relations efforts
   vii. Government Relations’ efforts to increase the number of faculty serving on advisory committees within government agencies
   viii. Government Relations’ work with local issues, including housing, carbon-neutral policies, and economic development
   ix. Government Relations’ work on day-to-day issues, including research funding and security (e.g. supporting growth of intellectual capital during anti-Chinese sentiment/policy)

3. Upcoming meetings: October 27, 9:15-10:00 am & December 1, 9:15-10 am. Winter term dates TBA.

4. Minutes from 2021-2022 that have not yet been circulated/approved may be approved at the October 2022 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am

Submitted by Ann Marshall, Secretary