



**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 DeVoght (State Relations Director), the new Ann Arbor City Administrator Milton Dohoney
- ii. Michigan Road Scholar Tour:
<https://www.govrel.umich.edu/index.php/stateoutreach/michigan-road-scholars/>
- 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