

To: SACUA

From: Luke McCarthy, Director, Faculty Senate Office

Subject: Director's Report on Faculty Senate Office Activities

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Faculty Senate Office Activities

The FSO continues to be productive. Examples of the activities the FSO has been engaged in include the following:

- Assisted with adding two newly elected SA Representatives from the Taubman College to the SA membership as well as coordinating with various SA members regarding temporary vacancies and alternates.
- Assisted with scheduling Winter term committee meetings.
- Succeeded in obtaining a "duress button" to be installed in the FSO so staff can respond to an active shooter situation by locking the door from the inside. Currently, the door can only be locked from the outside by using an ID. This was a safety concern that the Ruthven building facilitators graciously helped us address. Work on installing the button will begin on Monday, 11/28/22.
- Coordinated a call for scheduled speakers for the University Senate meeting discussion on Faculty Senate restructuring.
- Coordinated a call for topics and questions to be considered by President Ono. We then met and coordinated with President Ono's executive assistant and speech writer to discuss the topics and questions submitted by the faculty for consideration.
- Coordinated breakout sessions at the November SA meeting and the collation of feedback regarding Faculty Senate restructuring.
- In cooperation with Ruthven IT, the Senate Parliamentarian, and Chair Pedraza, helped organize and run the annual University Senate meeting.
- In cooperation with the DMN committee chair, the FSO Director has been assisting with the DMN lecture committee logistics.
- Worked with faculty and with the Provost's Office to correct an oversight in the Faculty Handbook available online, which did not contain the Senate Assembly approved "Principles of Faculty Involvement in Institutional and Academic Unit Governance at the University of Michigan, Second Edition." The online handbook contained the out-of-date first edition. This oversight has now been corrected.
- Assisted SACUA in coordinating the drafting of a joint SACUA statement regarding the ECRT to be sent to the President.
- The FSO Director also met with General Counsel Tim Lynch and ECRT Director Tami Strickman to discuss the ECRT.
- After receiving concerns from faculty regarding overdue U-M Press royalty payments, the FSO Director reached out to Charles Watkinson, Director of the U-M Press, for clarification on the status of royalty payments to authors. Director Watkinson explained that the press was behind due to COVID and staffing issues, but the royalties would be paid in December.

- The FSO Director has been working with Jamie Zawistowski, the FSO's financial administrative liaison, regarding the office budget documentation to be submitted for next year.
- The FSO Director attended the President's Leadership Welcome address.