

To: SACUA

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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:

- As a follow-up to the University Senate meeting, re-organized the arguments of the presenters on the Faculty Senate restructuring issue into a new webpage accessible on the Faculty Senate resources page.
- Finished creating and notifying all the committees of their individual Google Drive folders that were set up in order to better create continuity from year to year.
- Continued ongoing committee scheduling tasks.
- Worked on obtaining various future guests to attend SACUA and Senate Assembly meetings:
  - ECRT's PEAR now plans on attending the January 23<sup>rd</sup> SA meeting, with the intention of us having breakout groups in order to provide an overview of PEAR and help generate ideas for PEAR's developing programs.
  - President Ono now plans to attend the March 20<sup>th</sup> SA meeting.
  - Executive Vice President and CFO Geoff Chatas now plans on attending the April 17<sup>th</sup> SA meeting to discuss the University's budget and its ethical framework for investing its endowments.
  - Ongoing discussions are occurring to have the leadership of ADVANCE attend a SACUA meeting to discuss its initiatives.
  - Ongoing discussions are occurring to have Sara Blair, Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs, and/or Lori Pierce, Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs, to attend a SACUA meeting to discuss the continuing impacts of COVID, such as delays in educational and professional attainment.
- With Chair Pedraza, the Director assisted former Vice Chair Singer in her review of potential conflicts of interest, following her appointment as Assistant Dean of Tenure-Track Faculty in the Medical School. After consultation with the Faculty Ombuds, Vice Chair Singer chose to resign so as to avoid any possibility, or even just perception, of a conflict of interest that might arise by serving in a leadership position on both SACUA as well as in the Medical School administration.
- The Director met with Kelly Dunlop, Associate Director of the Center for Campus Involvement, and Christine Modey, Director of the Michigan Community Scholars Program to discuss possible future collaborations to help U-M better support students and faculty as whole persons.
- With Chair Pedraza, the Director reviewed the statement prepared as a Faculty Perspective's piece on Chandler Davis (attached).
- The Director worked on preparing the budget for the FSO Office for next year. The goal for this budget process is to continue the status quo for budgetary resources while assessing possible future requests for increased funding. That said, the FSO has resources that have accumulated due to not having a Director or being at full staff for quite some time. Some of those resources

are being planned for one-time expenditures to support committees, such as helping fund a CAR speaking event.

- The Director revised the SACUA vacancy process from last year to address two SACUA vacancies this year.
- The Director assisted with the process of obtaining nominations for a number of new committees being formed by the Provost's Office.