

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:

- Continued ongoing committee scheduling tasks.
- The FSO arranged for refreshments to support the last Senate Assembly and SACUA meetings of the calendar year.
- Prepared for processing nominations for the upcoming SACUA vacancy election.
- Assisted the College of Engineering in replacing a Senate Assembly representative who no longer works primarily in Engineering.
- Met with PEAR Director Kaaren Williamsen to discuss a PEAR visiting the Senate Assembly in January.
- Discussed faculty mental health with Chief Health Officer Rob Ernst and Provost McCauley. Gave them both copies of Rebecca Pope-Ruark's *Unraveling Faculty Burnout: Pathways to Reckoning and Renewal* (John Hopkins UP, 2022).
- Assisted SACUA in working on a statement regarding President Ono's announced Office of Ethics, Integrity, and Compliance.
- Continued supporting the Faculty Senate Restructuring Working Group and the RPP in working through the restructuring issue.
- The "Faculty Perspectives" piece on the passing of Chandler Davis, as approved by SACUA, was submitted to *The Record*.
- Attended the President and Provost's Holiday Reception
- Assisted CAR Chair Dinesh Pal regarding the issue of anti-caste discrimination.
- Assisted in the process of electing a new SACUA Vice Chair.
- Assisted SACUA in issuing a statement regarding the University's negotiations with the GEO.
- The FSO prepared interview questions and facilitated the meetings with three candidates for the Ombuds position. The feedback developed through these meetings was submitted to the Provost's Office on December 16, 2022.

### SACUA Actions

Between meetings, SACUA has performed the following actions that should be included in the SACUA minutes:

- Following a request from the Provost's Office for nominees for an Initiative Planning Group on Student Academic Success, SACUA performed an e-vote of nominees on November 30, 2022, with the first three names thereby approved by that vote being returned to the Provost's Office by the FSO as SACUA's nominees: Priti Shah, Audrey Bennett, and John Montgomery.

- Following a request from the Provost's Office for nominees for an Undergraduate Testing Policy Review Committee, SACUA performed an e-vote of nominees on December 5, 2022, with the following thereby approved slate being returned to the Provost's Office by the FSO as SACUA's nominees: Steven Thomas Cundiff, Emily Jean Youatt, and Leopoldo Pando Zayas.
- Following a request from the Provost's Office for nominees for a Faculty Budget Engagement Committee, SACUA performed an e-vote of nominees on December 7, 2022, with the following slate thereby approved being returned to the Provost's Office by the FSO as SACUA's nominees: Gary Freed, James Gulvas, and Kon-Well Wang.
- Following a review between meetings, SACUA performed an e-vote on December 8, 2022, approving the following committee charges: CESWF, GRAC, and DAC (Revised).
- Following the receipt of a request to endorse a letter drafted by the GEO in regards to its negotiations with the University, SACUA performed an e-vote on December 8, 2022, and thereby approved drafting its own independent statement on the topic.
- After drafting an independent statement regarding the University's negotiations with the GEO, SACUA performed an e-vote on December 13, 2022, and thereby approved issuing the drafted statement (attached).
- On December 15, 2022, SACUA performed an e-vote and thereby approved SACUA member Tom Braun as its new Vice Chair, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Durga Singer from SACUA.
- On December 15, 2022, SACUA performed a ranked choice e-vote between three options in relation to a drafted statement to President Ono regarding his announced Office of Ethics, Integrity, and Compliance: Two options were alternate version of the statement, and the third option was to not issue a statement. The vote resulted in a deadlock between the alternate versions of the statement. Due to that deadlock, no statement has been approved.