

To: SACUA

From: Luke McCarthy, Director, Faculty Senate Office

Subject: Director's Report on Faculty Senate Office Activities and Faculty Senate Actions

Dates: June 23rd to August 12th, 2022

Faculty Senate Office Activities

The Faculty Senate Office experienced a 100% personnel turnover from last year, and I did not begin work at U-M until late June. However, thanks to the exemplary dedication and leadership of Chair Pedraza and the excellent work of Ann Marshall (our part-time Faculty Governance Coordinator who joined the FSO in the spring), the FSO has been extraordinarily productive. Examples of the activities the FSO has been engaged in include the following:

- Finalizing, with the assistance of SACUA and SA committee members, committee rosters and committee chair selections.
- Scheduling and reserving rooms for the upcoming year of meetings for a Regents' Candidate Forum, SACUA, the Senate Assembly, the University Senate, and two Senate Assembly committee luncheons (one for chairs and one for all committee members).
- Reserving the Matthaei Botanical Gardens for the annual SACUA Retreat to be held on Friday, October 21st and selecting the catering.
 - After multiple meetings, Denise Williams has been selected as a facilitator to assist us. Another group that was a facilitator possibility, U-M's Organizational Excellence, will not be assisting with the retreat but may provide future consulting services as we work toward being as excellent at our jobs as possible.
- Having multiple meetings with Ruthven's Executive IT team regarding electronic voting and technical support for Senate Assembly and University Senate meetings.
- Meeting with Paul Fossum, the Senate Parliamentarian, to prepare for what we hope will be a smooth year of Senate parliamentary procedures.
- Working on hiring a new full-time Faculty Governance Coordinator to assist in our busy office's work.
 - The top three candidates will be interviewed August 25th and 26th.
- Beginning the process of hiring a work study student to assist with the FSO's work and learn about faculty governance.
- Revising the handout providing an overview of the Faculty Senate that will be provided at this year's New Faculty Orientation Informational Fair on August 24th, where the FSO will have a booth.
- Beginning the use of a new task management system for the office, powered by Monday.com, to help the FSO Director and staff keep track of our duties.
- Attending various emergency-related training meetings for Ruthven and requesting a panic button be installed in our office to permit us to lock the door from the inside.
- Beginning the complex process of scheduling the meetings of eighteen SA committees and coordinating with the schedules of all of the university's executive officers.
- Arranging a meeting between SACUA's officers and President-Elect Ono on September 26, 2022.

In addition, I have engaged in lengthy meetings, email conversations, and research activities regarding a number of important issues, including regarding the grievance system, the ECRT, and the Flint CAS to CIT transfers. Regarding the grievance system and the ECRT, I will have more to report in the near future. I have also been undergoing training as preparation for the FSO's participation in the annual budget process.

University Senate Actions

The following actions should now be included in the next minutes of the University Senate:

- On August 2nd, 2022, the Ann Arbor members of the University Senate elected Bryan Karle Roby to serve a two-year term as the Faculty Senate member of the Police Department Oversight Committee.
- Pursuant to the decisions of the award committees, two individuals were selected for recognition for their exemplary service within the U-M Library system. Librarian Judy Smith, in the Taubman Health Sciences Library, received the 2022 University Librarian Achievement Award. Callum Carr, an Assistant Archivist in the Flint Library, received the 2022 Librarian Recognition Award.

SACUA Actions

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

- Following a request from the Provost's Office for a ranked list of three SACUA nominations for the School of Dentistry Dean Search Advisory Committee, SACUA performed an e-vote of nominees on July 14, 2022, with the first three names resulting from that vote being returned to the Provost's Office by the FSO on July 14th in the following order: 1. Mark Fitzgerald; 2. Hsiao Hsin Sung Hsieh; and 3. Martha McComas.
- On July 29, 2022, SACUA appointed by e-vote Linda Kendall Knox and Evgueni Filipov to the Michigan Union Board of Representatives.
- On August 11, 2022, SACUA approved sending the attached letter regarding the Flint CAS to CIT transfers.