

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION
Item for Information**

SUBJECT: May 2022 Faculty Governance Update

Overview of items discussed:

1. SACUA
2. Senate Assembly
3. Senate Assembly Committees
4. Faculty Senate
5. Faculty Senate Office Update

1. SACUA:

- SACUA met on March 28, April 4, April 11, April 25, and May 3.
- At its **March 28** meeting, during executive session President Mary Sue Coleman discussed with SACUA about an independent office of ethics and compliance. SACUA also discussed about a 5.09 case in executive session. Kentaro Toyama, SACUA member and Chapter President of the American Association of University Professors brought a topic of Student Debt Cancellation for SACUA discussion.
- At its **April 4** meeting, SACUA heard from Kentaro Toyama and Colleen Conway on ECRT Advisory Committee update. Co-chairs of the Rules, Practices, and Policies (RPP) Committee shared with SACUA their ongoing discussion on rules pertaining to electronic meeting and the inclusion of non-tenure track faculty in the Faculty Senate. SACUA discussed about a 5.09 case in executive session. Finally, SACUA discussed about faculty governance resolutions on Academic Freedom from peer institutions and weighed in on our course of action.
- At its **April 11** meeting, during executive session Vice President and Secretary of the University Sally Churchill spoke to SACUA about ongoing work on addressing sexual misconduct on campus. SACUA discussed and voted on a syllabus insert developed by motion 4 sexual misconduct working group brought by the working group chair David Potter. SACUA also discussed and voted on a compliance office resolution, also brought by David Potter who chaired the SACUA WilmerHale Task Force in 2021. Both votes passed unanimously. SACUA had its officer election and elected Durga Singer as the incoming Vice Chair and Silvia Pedraza (May 1-Dec 31, 2022)/Allen Liu (Jan 1, 2023-April 30, 2023) as the incoming Chair. We heard parting remarks from both Faculty Senate Office Director MaryJo Banasik and Immediate Past Chair Colleen Conway as it was their last SACUA meeting.
- At its **April 25** meeting, SACUA discussed and voted on a [resolution on academic freedom](#) brought by Chair of Senate Assembly Committee on Fairness, Equity & Inclusion Mark Allison. The resolution passed unanimously. SACUA has Tami Strickman, Executive Director, and Elizabeth Seney, Senior Associate Director and Title IX Coordinator, and Larry Plutko, Guidepost Solutions, visited SACUA in executive session for them to share updates on the ECRT office and discuss about a compliance office. As this was the last meeting for several outgoing SACUA members, SACUA also discussed priorities for 2022-2023.
- At its **May 2** meeting, SACUA discussed and voted to endorse statements on Anti-China South East Asia Discrimination and Anti-Caste Discrimination. SACUA also discussed a memo on Motion 4 working group on sexual and gender-based misconduct describing their recommendations and preliminary Motion 1 working group on Work Connections report.

2. SENATE ASSEMBLY:

- The Senate Assembly met on March 21 and April 18.
- At its **March 21** meeting, we had guests from Equity, Civil Rights and Title IX (ECRT) Office, including Tami Strickman, Special Advisor to the President and Executive Director, Kaaren

Williamsen, Director of Prevention, education, Assistance and Resource, Tanesia White, Associate Director of ECRT, and Christopher Harris, Deputy Title IX Coordinator from Michigan Medicine to share with Senate Assembly updates on ECRT. Senate Assembly also had Tom Waldecker, Director of Faculty and Staff Counselling & Consultation Office and Todd Sevig, Director of Counseling & Psychological Service speak to Senate Assembly about the mental health challenges of faculty and resources available. SACUA elections took place, and 4 new members were elected: Thomas Braun, Simon Cushing, Rebekah Modrak, and Sergio Villalobos-Ruminott (1 year).

- At its **April 18** meeting, SA discussed and voted on [SACUA resolution on office of compliance](#) to urge the university to create an office for ethics and compliance with an independent reporting line to the Board of Regents. The resolution passed with 44 Yes, 2 No, and 2 Abstentions. SA also discussed and voted on a [syllabus insert](#) developed by the Motion 4 Sexual Misconduct Policy Working Group. The intent of the syllabus insert is for instructors to include them in the syllabi of their courses to educate students about the faculty/student boundaries. The syllabus insert passed with 33 Yes, 12 No, and 2 Abstentions. SA also passed the [SA apportionment](#) that is done every three years with a vote of 38 Yes, 2 No, and 4 Abstentions. Based on the apportionment formula, medical school gains three seats, and each of LSA, Engineering and Public Health lost one seat.

3. SENATE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES:

Senate Assembly committees continue to meet. The Committee on Anti-Racism organized a virtual event on Anti-Racism and Faculty Success that took place on April 13, 2022.

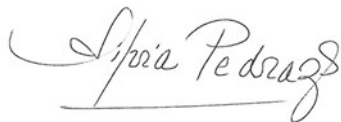
4. FACULTY SENATE:

A virtual event on Anti-Racism and Faculty Success took place on April 13, 2022, with discussion moderated by Ketra Armstrong and Deirdre Spencer. Faculty panelists include Mark Allison, Naomi Andre, Laura Beny, Christian Davenport, and Stephen Ward.

5. FACULTY SENATE OFFICE:

The Faculty Senate Office welcomes Ann Marshall, who is a new Faculty Senate Office Coordinator working part-time. The position for Faculty Senate Office Director has been posted and a committee consists of SACUA Chair, Vice Chair, Immediate Past Chair, and Secretary will be reviewing resumes and conducting interviews.

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