

Minutes December 19, 2022
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs
Monday, December 19, 2022, 3:15
The hybrid meeting was held in 1100 Ruthven and virtually via Zoom

In Person Attendance: Chair Pedraza, Vice Chair Braun, Professor Liu, FSO Director McCarthy, FSO Coordinator Marshall, Secretary Spencer

Remote Attendance: Professor Atzmon, Professor Cushing, Professor Modrak, Professor Toyama, FSO Coordinator Vandenberghe

Absent: Professor Villalobos

Guests:

James Hilton, Vice Provost for Academic Innovation – In person
Katie Kelton, *University Record* – Remote

3:15 -- Call to Order – The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:18. The minutes of the December 5, 2022 meeting were approved by consent.

3:20 – Chair’s Update – On December 8th Chair Pedraza made the annual SACUA presentation to the Regents. This included the possible expansion of the Faculty Senate, to include Clinical Faculty and Lecturers. – Professor Tom Braun was elected Vice Chair of SACUA. – The Chair gave a 3 minute address at the Winter Commencement on behalf of the faculty to the graduating students. Her theme was based on Viktor Frankel’s *Man’s Search for Meaning* (Boston: Beacon Press, 2006) and stressed living a life of purpose and meaning. The message was well received. Chair Pedraza and Vice Chair Braun hooded the three honorary degree candidates.

3:30 -- James Hilton, Vice Provost for Academic Innovation. He will be the search committee chair for the director of the Detroit Center for Innovation. – There is a reset on the project which entails mutual investment in the project on the part of the University of Michigan and the City of Detroit from the ground up. – The former university president required a re-write of the project report to focus on economic development. The Cornell Tech model of the program has been abandoned. Community and industry merge in the function of curricular design. What are most important in this re-set are community engagement and bringing the business and educational communities into partnerships. This initiative was an extension of UM Ann Arbor. The four degrees granted at the Detroit Center will be Master of Science in Engineering Robotics, Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, and Sustainable and Just Transitions. Certificate-based education programs are being included in the curriculum.

4:13 -- EXECUTIVE SESSION

Outgoing SACUA member Professor Atzmon was recognized upon his retirement, and he issued remarks. -- Executive Session

Regarding nominations for the UM Center for Innovation Director Search Committee, a motion was made to proceed forward with SACUA's nomination procedure. The motion passed with 4 in favor, 2 against, and 1 abstention -- Executive Session

4:35 -- Faculty Senate Restructuring – A change in by-laws will be required to extend membership to clinical faculty and lecturers. – SACUA must decide what to present to the Senate Assembly regarding the increase in size. Thirty days' notice is required for the full University Senate to counteract the proposal. It is a big decision and should go to University Senate as well. The Regents require thirty days prior notice to act. – Executive Session

4:40 -- Lecture Capture – The program records everything: your visual presentation and your lecture as you are delivering it. All lectures become online. The instruction room must be set up for Lecture Capture. The students like it, but some faculty have mixed opinions, and feel that it discourages student attendance. Some faculty are considering no longer using Lecture Capture, however, lecturers in the Dental School like it.

4:45 -- SACUA will send a letter to President Ono's Office regarding the Compliance Office reporting line. On the issue of a CFO vs. OGC reporting line, SACUA was split on the issue 4 - 4. In order to move beyond the issue and finish the letter, Professor Toyama moved to approve the compliance letter with the following changes:

- The bullet point featuring the CFO/OGC disagreement would be changed to reflect "CFO or OGC";
- A footnote will be created to indicate that SACUA could not reach agreement on the issue. On the suggestion of Professor Modrak, the footnote will indicate that SACUA was "evenly divided" on whether the reporting line would be to the CFO or the OGC.

After discussion, the motion was approved by unanimous consent with the above changes to the letter.

4:50 -- Final Remarks from outgoing Chair – Recommends continued work on grievance procedures and encourages more schools and colleges to adhere to the model policy.

Adjourned 4:55 – Holiday Celebration

ADDENDUM

FSO Director's Report:

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 versions 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre D. Spencer
Secretary

University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 5.02:

Governing Bodies in Schools and Colleges

Sec. 4.01 The University Senate

"...[t]he Senate is authorized to consider any subject pertaining to the interests of the university, and to make recommendations to the Board of Regents in regard thereto. Decisions of the University Senate with respect to matters within its jurisdiction shall constitute the binding action of the university faculties. Jurisdiction over academic policies shall reside in the faculties of the various schools and colleges, but insofar as actions by the several faculties affect university policy as a whole, or schools and colleges other than the one in which they originate, they shall be brought before the University Senate."

Rules of the University Senate, the Senate Assembly and the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs:

Senate: "In all cases not covered by rules adopted by the Senate, the procedure in Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed."

Assembly: "The Assembly may adopt rules for the transaction of its business. In appropriate cases not covered by rules of the Assembly, the rules of the University Senate shall apply."

SACUA: "The committee may adopt rules for the transaction of its business."