



THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Academic Affairs Advisory Committee (AAAC)
Ruthven Conference Room 1140 and via Zoom (hybrid)
November 21, 2022, 9:00 am

Minutes: 11/21/2022
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Present: Christine Gerdes (Provost's Office), Rachel S. Goldman, Aubree Gordon, Emmanuelle Marquis, Ann Marshall (FSO, Secretary), Luke McCarthy (FSO), Laurie McCauley (Provost), David Potter, Mark Rosentraub, Gabrielle Scott (undergraduate student representative), Chair Priti Shah (arrived after another meeting), Jordan Siegel, Durga Singer, Sergio Villalobos-Ruminott.

A regular meeting of the Academic Affairs Advisory Committee was held with AAAC member Jordan Siegel presiding. Laurie McCauley, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Christine Gerdes, Special Counsel to the Provost, were present.

1. In preparation for the arrival of the Provost, the committee discussed the agenda and approved the 9/29/22 minutes.
2. The meeting began with a discussion of UM grading policies, including the topics of competitive grading, training of GSIs, relevant classes offered by CRLT, a question about the definition of authentic grading, grading in relation to the topic of student assessment, and demands upon faculty resources related to grading.
3. With the assistance of the Faculty Senate Office, AAAC members will compile a document of AAAC comments to be shared with the Provost in response to each of the recommendations of the Post-COVID Grade Policy Committee, with a suggested format of a paragraph (and/or bullet points) for each recommendation.
4. The committee discussed faculty well-being and faculty governance, including the following topics: a consideration of practices at other institutions such as MIT and Chicago, the need for systems of accountability, is the university "a force for good"?, the UM Inclusive History Project, the ECRT reporting process, questions about how to screen for new leaders (such as assistant deans), and the tremendous burdens on faculty during the time of Philbert and others.
5. After the Provost departed, the committee discussed how the AAAC Google drive might be utilized to help prepare for upcoming meetings.
6. The next AAAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 8:45 am to 10:15 am (with the Provost attending 9-10 am)

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15 am

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marshall