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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs  
Monday, January 9, 2023, 3:15  
The Hybrid meeting was held in 1100 Ruthven and via Zoom

In person attendance – Chair Liu, Vice Chair Braun, Professor Pedraza, Professor Villalobos, FSO Director McCarthy, FSO Coordinator Vandenberghe, FSO Coordinator Marshall, Secretary Spencer

Remote attendance – Professor Cushing, Professor Modrak, Professor Toyama

Absent: Professor Partridge

Press: -- Katie Kelton, *University Record*.

3:15 – The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:15. The minutes of the December 19th meeting were approved by consent.

Announcements -- Chair Liu provided an update on the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and the Financial Affairs Advisory Committee (FAAC). He is stepping down as liaison for RAC, so a liaison is needed. Prof. Pedraza serves on FAAC, so there is no additional liaison needed for that committee. These committees meet once per month and can be time consuming and labor intensive for a SACUA chair to serve as liaisons.

The DMN (Davis, Markert, and Nickerson) Lecture is scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30 at the 100 Hutchins Hall at the Law School. The *New York Times* columnist Jamelle Bouie is the featured speaker.

3:20 – Chair’s Update -- The chair provided an update on the Ethics, Integrity and Compliance statement sent on behalf of SACUA to President Ono and the cordial response he received from the president.

The Chair will attend the pilot program for administrators entitled “Building Cultures that Thrive” sponsored by UM Organizational Learning. It is geared toward university leaders and teaches them how to respond to negative feedback and create positive cultures. Organizational Learning is looking for feedback from participants.

3:25 – Excerpts from FSO Director’s Update – Director McCarthy reported that the AAAC (Academic Affairs Advisory Committee) intends to endorse SACUA’s December letter to President Ono regarding the new Office of Ethics, Integrity, and Compliance. In particular, the AAAC intends to stress to the Provost the importance of the new office having investigatory powers. The AAAC does not expect the Provost to respond in detail, given that this office is being formed by the President’s Office, but the Provost encourages hearing from faculty and receiving recommendations. Because this is an important new office, the AAAC wants the Provost to be aware of AAAC’s endorsement of SACUA’s recommendations.

Professor Stephanie Preston was selected for the Faculty Ombuds position. An official announcement and article are forthcoming. There was discussion regarding the posting of the position which appeared on the Provost's Office website along with other open positions. The Ombuds will meet regularly with the SACUA chair and occasionally with SACUA as a group.

The Vice Chair may serve as liaison to AAAC (Academic Affairs Advisory Committee) although Prof. Villalobos serves on the committee as a liaison.

There is no meeting next week due to the MLK holiday.

CAR Anti-Racism Statement --The Anti-Racism Statement from last year will be on the agenda for the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Senate Assembly meeting for a vote.

3:25 -- SACUA Vacancies Update – There are four applicants – Silvia Pedraza, LSA, Lindsay Admon, Medical School, Andre Deroche, Medical School, Alex Ya Sha Yi Engineering, Dearborn. Simply Voting ballot will be open from Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> until Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> at noon.

3:50 -- Senate Assembly Agenda -SACUA voted to approve the Senate Assembly meeting agenda for January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

4:00 -- Faculty Senate Restructuring -SACUA discussed issuing a straw poll to determine the climate for Faculty Senate restructuring. We discussed options for how to educate Senate Assembly and Faculty Senate regarding the issues associated with restructuring. Representatives from the Rules, Practices and Policies Committee (RPP) was thanked for their input into this process.

Crafting a motion was discussed as a good exercise in distilling the issues. Ranked choice voting was another suggestion.

Chair Liu had collected information from our peer institutions from the BTAA, Ivy League, and others to learn the scope of inclusion within their faculty governance structures. There were discussions that the RPP straw poll was too long and could be narrowed to a fewer number of questions for SA. Rebekah Modrak volunteered to draft some poll questions that could then be reviewed by SACUA.

4:30 -- Physical Memorial to Acknowledge Land Donation -There is a small bronze plaque on the ground between the Chemistry Building and Kinesiology. A larger, more recognizable monument is needed. CAR could consult with UM faculty experts on monuments and Native American culture.

4:50 -- Matters Arising – Changes in faculty governance structure would require revision of the Regents Bylaws and approval by the Regents.

Senate Assembly may want to consider patents, copyright law and open access publishing in the future.

4:57 -- Adjourned – The meeting was adjourned at 4:57.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deirdre Spencer  
Secretary

## Addendum

### SACUA Actions

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

- Following a request from the Provost's Office for nominees for a search committee for the Director of the U-M Center for Innovation, SACUA voted on December 23, 2022, to approve sending one nominee: Barbara Israel. The nomination was returned to the Provost's Office on December 23, 2022.

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."