

Minutes January 30, 2023
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs
Monday, January 30th, 3:00
The hybrid meeting was held in 1100 Ruthven and via Zoom

In-person attendees: Chair Liu, Vice Chair Braun, Assistant Professor Admon, Professor Pedraza, Professor Toyama, Professor Villalobos, FSO Director McCarthy, FSO Coordinator Vandenberghe, FSO Coordinator Marshall, Secretary Spencer.

Remote attendance: Professor Cushing, Professor Modrak, Professor Partridge,
Press: Katie Kelton – *University Record*; Courtney Plaza -- *Michigan Daily*

Guests: Provost Laurie McCauley and Special Counsel Christine Gerdes
Vice Provost Sara Blair and Vice Provost Lori Pierce.

3:00 – The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:01. The minutes from the January 9th meeting were approved by consent. The chair welcomed and introduced the two newly elected SACUA members. Professor Lindsey Admon, Medical School and Professor Silvia Pedraza. LSA

3:05 -- SACUA Chair Updates: SACUA leadership consisting of Chair Liu, and Immediate Past Chair Pedraza along with Nicolai Lehnert, Chair of the Committee on the Well-being of the Faculty, Dinesh Pal, Chair of the Committee on Anti-Racism, and Luke McCarthy, Director of Faculty Senate Office met with Tanisha White and representatives of ECRT to request the inclusion of anti-caste discrimination language in official university anti-discrimination statements. If ECRT declines, the group will follow up with the Regents.

In accordance with the Bylaws, six faculty nominees will be soon recommended to the president for the honorary degree committee. President Ono will select three from the six.

The DMN Lecture will be held during our regular meeting time on Monday February 6th so there will be no meeting. Prof. Modrak created the publicity poster for the event to be displayed on buses and in buildings around campus.

3:10 -- Faculty Senate Restructuring:

The discussion centered around the definition of faculty and who is included? There would be a primer or glossary to help Senate Assembly members with titles. The Senate Assembly will be asked to vote on whether particular groups should be added to the Senate. The votes will be Yes, No, and Abstain.

We discussed the distinctions between different categories of Clinical Faculty and Lecturers.

Prof. Modrak inquired as to the status of the straw poll questionnaire she created, and it

was explained that her suggestions were being incorporated into the initial range of proposals that SACUA will be developing further before presenting to the Senate Assembly for consideration.

Executive Session

3:30 -- Guests: Provost McCauley and Special Council Christine Gerdes – Executive Session

4:00 – Guests: Vice Provost Sara Blair and Vice Provost Lori Pierce – Executive Session

4:30 – Senate Assembly Agenda – SACUA voted to approve the agenda for the February 13th Senate Assembly meeting. – Discussion of the SACUA nominating committee and its components took place. Needed are four people rolling off of SA membership and two people rolling off of SACUA membership to form the nominating committee.

4:44 -- Matters Arising – It was raised that some SA members routinely miss meetings. The FSO will review the roster of SA members for those who routinely miss meetings and will notify the SACUA chair.

4:45 -- Adjournment

SACUA Actions

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

- On January 25th, all nine SACUA members indicated by electronic vote through Simply Voting that they are available to begin SACUA meetings at 3pm for the rest of the term, permitting the SACUA meetings to end at 4:45. In light of that availability, SACUA meetings for the rest of this Winter Term will begin at 3pm and end at 4:45 so that members can be with their families 15 minutes sooner.

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."