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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Assembly

Monday, January 23, 2023, 3:15

The Hybrid meeting was held in 2000 University Hall, Ruthven and via Zoom

In-person Attendees: Chair Allen Liu, Vice Chair Tom Braun, Jonathan Brennan, Paul Fossum (Parliamentarian, nonvoting), Ingrid Hendy, Cliff Lampe, Ann Marshall (FSO, nonvoting), Luke McCarthy (FSO, nonvoting), Rogerio Pinto, Andre Monteiro Da Rocha, Silvia Pedraza, Deirdre Spencer (Secretary, nonvoting), Kentaro Toyama, Eric Vandenberghe (FSO, nonvoting)

Virtual Attendees:

Lindsay Admon, Allen Burton, Mihai Burzo, Clifford Suhyun Cho, Heather Colohan, Pedro Coracides, Simon Cushing, Ivo Dinov, Francine Dolins, Daniel Drake, Monica Dus, Steven Erickson, Margherita Fontana, Christopher Friese, Anouck Girard, Seth Guikema, Daniel Hertz, Min-Hui Huang, Luke Hyde, Raffi Indjejian, Inderjit Kaur, Ella Kazerooni, Shake Ketefian (nonvoting), Jong-Jin Kim, Frederick Kofi Korley, Carolyn Kuranz, Susan Lepri, Brian Love, Ashley Lucas (alternate), Bruce Maxim, Rebekah Modrak, Karin Muraszko, Mojtaba Navvab, Dinesh Pal, Phillip Palmbo, Damani Partridge, Jessica Pasquale, Derek Peterson, Nicholson Price, Venkatram Ramaswamy, Harmony Reppond, Alexander Rickard, Perry Samson, Rachel Sawatzky, William Schultz (nonvoting), Suzanne Selig (nonvoting), Sara Soderstrom, Quentin Stout, John Traynor, DJ Trela, Sophie Walters, and Alex Yi

Guests: Representatives of PEAR (Prevention Education, Assistance & Resources).

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3:15 – Call to Order/ Minutes / Announcements:

Chair Liu called the meeting to order at 3:17 -- The minutes of the December 12th meeting were approved by consent. – The Chair announced that President Ono received our correspondence on SACUA's recommendation on the Office of Ethics, Integrity, and Compliance, and thanked us for ongoing collaboration. We requested to have a SACUA member serve on the search committee for the director of OEIC (the Office of Ethics, Integrity, and Compliance). The OEIC should have oversight and broad representation. The DMN lecture on academic and intellectual freedom will take place on Monday,

February 6th from 4-5:30pm in Rm.100, Hutchins Hall of the Law School. Jamelle Bouie, columnist from the NYT will be our speaker. The title of his talk will be “Revisiting Du Bois and the ‘The Propaganda of History.’”

3:20 -- Discussion and vote on the Anti-Racism Statement:

The Chair read aloud the revised resolution prior to the discussion. There were issues raised regarding the definition of the China Initiative and terminology addressing ethnic vs racial groups, and targeted vs random groups. Chair Dinesh Pal explained the revisions, addressed the concerns and suggested resources to clarify the points under consideration. SA voted on the [resolution](#) which passed with 35 Yes, 2 No, and 3 Abstentions.

3:30 -- Prevention, Education, Assistance & Resources (PEAR) Presentation and Breakout Groups:

Led by Director Kaaren Williamsen, she and the PEAR staff gave a presentation including an introduction to PEAR’s history (formed in Fall 2022) and PEAR’s functions. We also learned from Carrie Landrum about Adaptable Resolution, which is as a set of conflict resolution and harm-repair services newly available to U-M faculty and staff through the Equity, Civil Rights, and Title IX (ECRT) Office. SA members had breakout groups with PEAR staff to facilitate discussion on the three functions of PEAR services: prevention education, assistance, and resources. The feedback from the SA members would be shared with the PEAR office in order to help develop their programming.

PEAR Slides

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4:15 -- Faculty Senate Restructuring Update:

The chair provided the most recent information on the faculty senate restructuring discussion related to the incorporation of clinical faculty, lecturers, and other non-tenure track faculty groups. The goal of this update was to provide a framework for the potential votes that would take place in the coming months with the SA, and the potential process that we could follow. As changes to University/Faculty Senate structure likely would entail changes to the Regents Bylaws, the chair also shared with SA the scenarios for doing so and how these scenarios fit within our Winter Term timeline. Much of this is still under development but SA will play a crucial role in the determination of the next steps.

4:45 – Matter’s Arising:

SA members brought up two important issues that are of interest to many faculty members. The ongoing GEO negotiations and the impact of ChatGPT and Open AI on academic integrity could have an immediate impact on how faculty conduct their work. With respect to the latter, SACUA/SA/SA committees will work to engage the administration on this important topic.

5:00 – Adjourned – The meeting adjourned at 4:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre D. Spencer



Secretary

Addendum

Senate Assembly Actions

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

- Following the prior Senate Assembly approval on December 12, 2022, of a SACUA vacancy election process, that process was completed on January 13, 2023. The result of the SACUA Vacancy election was the election of Silvia Pedraza (LSA) and Lindsay Admon (Medical School) as SACUA members, with both to complete terms ending on April 30, 2024.

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 polices 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."