

Minutes April 10, 2023  
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs  
Monday, April 10th, Time 3:00  
The virtual meeting was held in 1100 Ruthven and virtually via Zoom.

**In Person Attendance** – Chair Liu, Vice Chair Braun, Professor Admon, Professor Pedraza, Professor Villalobos, FSO Director McCarthy, FSO Coordinator Vandenberghe, Secretary Spencer

**Remote Attendance** – Professor Cushing, Professor Toyama, Professor Partridge,

**Absent** – Professor Modrak

**Remote Guest Attendee** – SACUA Member-Elect Professor O'Malley

**Guest Attendees – In person** -- Members of AAAC: Emmanuelle Marquis, Bruno Giordani, and David Potter.

**Press Attendees – Remote attendance** -- Katie Kelton, *University Record*; Joey Lin, *Michigan Daily*

The meeting was called to order at 3:01. The minutes from the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting were approved by consent.

**Chair's Update** –

Chair Liu, Professor Damani Partridge, and Director McCarthy met with CESWF Chair Yasmina Laouar and Donna Ginther (University of Kansas) to discuss faculty salary studies. Donna has recommended a couple of faculty at Michigan who may have expertise and interest in faculty salary study (Susan Dynarski now at Harvard and Maggie Levenstein at ISR). Chair Liu has added this as an agenda item for SACUA to discuss at a later meeting.

The chair will be hosting a strategic visioning focus group at the Michigan League on Friday April 14. He is serving on the Vision 2034 Advisory Committee, and they had their first meeting last Thursday April 6. So far there are over 40 registered to attend. President Ono encouraged SACUA to have a session on strategic visioning with Jenny Faust and what we envision for shared governance.

Chair Liu also had a meeting with Adrienne Simonds who is the faculty senate chair at Rutgers.

For the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will pause at the end to hear parting remarks from Professors Toyama, Villalobos, and Liu as their SACUA terms officially conclude at the end of the month.

### **Executive Session**

3:10 Academic Freedom Statement.

AAAC Guests and SPG Changes

GEO Negotiations.

### **Open Session Resumed**

During Executive Session, SACUA finalized the language of a SACUA statement regarding the GEO Negotiations and then approved the statement 8-0-0.

CAR Resolution: Request for SACUA to create a committee to pursue a substantial land acknowledgment monument. The language submitted by Dinesh Pal on behalf of CAR was reviewed and edited by SACUA. There was discussion regarding how to appropriately engage Native American communities, particularly the tribal descendants who made the land grant to the university, and who should be educated free of charge. It was strongly suggested that the Native American program in American Culture should be contacted. The committee has been in contact with Professor Bethany Hughes from the Department of American Culture. An 8-0-0 vote was taken to approve the revised language. The statement will be presented to Senate Assembly next week at the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Senate Assembly Agenda for April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting -- There was an 8-0-0 vote to accept the Senate Assembly agenda for that meeting.

SACUA Chair/ Vice Chair Elections. – Professor Tom Braun ran un-opposed for the position of SACUA Chair. Professor Damani Partridge and Professor Silvia Pedraza ran for the position of Vice Chair. SACUA candidates made brief remarks on behalf of their candidacy. After the remarks, SACUA elected Professor Tom Braun as Chair and Professor Damani Partridge as Vice Chair.

### **Executive Session**

4:55 Matters Arising

5:00 Adjourned – The meeting was adjourned at 5:00.

## **Addendum**

### SACUA Actions

- Between meetings, SACUA has performed the following actions that should be included in the SACUA minutes:
  - On April 5<sup>th</sup>, SACUA voted in the affirmative that the most recent draft of the Proposal 2 Implementing Resolution (attached) clearly and faithfully implements Proposal 2.
  - On April 7<sup>th</sup>, SACUA by consent approved the publication in the *Record* of a Faculty Perspective article about the Senate's efforts this year to address anti-caste discrimination.

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 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."