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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs  
Monday, March 27th, Time 3:00  
The hybrid meeting was held in 1100 Ruthven and remotely via Zoom

In person attendance: Chair Liu, Vice Chair Braun, FSO Director McCarthy, Professor Partridge, Professor Pedraza, FSO Coordinator Marshall, Secretary Spencer

Remote attendance: Professor Admon, Professor Cushing, Professor Modrak, Professor Toyama, Professor Villalobos

Guests -- In Person:

Mary Jo Desprez of Wolverine Wellness and Joe Zichi from the Wellbeing Collective.  
Provost Laurie McCauley and Special Counsel Christine Gerdes

Guests: Remote -- Press:

Katie Kelton, *University Record*  
Kiran Lahiri, *Michigan Daily*

3:01 – The meeting was called to order at 3:01. The minutes were approved after acceptance of a change to the minutes stating that Professors Kentaro Toyama and Sergio Villalobos would be concluding their terms on SACUA.  
Chair announcements – At the April 3<sup>rd</sup> SACUA meeting he will ask members if they intend to run for chair and vice chair. The elections will take place at the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

3:04 -- Mary Jo Desprez of Wolverine Wellness and Joe Zichi, Wellbeing Collective Lead, addressed the committee, first by reading the land acknowledgment. Their slide presentation addressed the principles of their program which prioritized people, places, and the planet. The Collective Impact statement was described as a cross-section of voices and perspectives from faculty, staff, and students.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

3:35 -- Guests: Provost Laurie Provost McCauley and Special Counsel Christine Gerdes. (Executive Session).

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4:20 -- Faculty Senate Restructuring Update (Executive Session).

4:45 -- Chair Update: Chair Liu is on the search committee for the director of OEIC. SACUA would like the search committee to include a co-chair to work alongside Chris Kolb, VP for Government relations. Suggested faculty candidates include professors B. McQuade, K. Staller, and E. Anderson.  
OEIC should have investigative power.

It was suggested that the Director of ECRT not serve on the search committee due to open investigations. Chair Liu would contact President Ono about these three requests/concerns.

4:50 Matters Arising: Rules Policies and Procedures (RPP) will investigate rules for Senate Assembly member attendance. At other universities, if a member misses three meetings they will be replaced.

Adjourned at 5:00

## **Addendum**

### SACUA Actions

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

- On March 8th, SACUA voted on nominations for the Honorary Degree Committee, resulting in five members being nominated: Audrey Bennett, Patricio G. Herbst, Tom Braun, Anna Stephanopoulos, and Nicole Ellison. The sixth nomination deadlocked in a tie between Devon Powers and Francine Dolins. To break the tie, SACUA voted on March 13<sup>th</sup>, resulting in another tie, with Chair Liu participating in the creation of that tie. To break the tie so this matter could be finally resolved, Chair Liu offered to change his prior vote to an abstention, permitting the rest of SACUA to determine the nomination. Doing so would result in Francine Dolins being nominated. This intention of Chair Liu changing his vote to an abstention to break the tie was communicated to SACUA with a request for SACUA members to raise any concerns. Hearing no concerns raised about the vote change for this particular situation, Chair Liu's vote was therefore changed to an abstention, resulting in Francine Dolins being nominated. A packet of six nominations was then returned to the President's office with the following SACUA nominations: Audrey Bennett, Patricio G. Herbst, Tom Braun, Anna Stephanopoulos, Nicole Ellison, and Francine Dolins.
- On March 14<sup>th</sup>, SACUA voted on three nominations to be returned to the Provost's Office for the Integrated Disability Management Advisory Committee that provides feedback for the Work Connections program. The vote resulted in the following two nominations: Vilma Mesa and Magdalena Zaborowska. However, the vote resulted in a three-way tie for the third nomination between Bruno Giordani, Emmanuelle Marquis, and Patricia Anderson. To break that tie, SACUA voted on March 17<sup>th</sup>, using ranked choice voting. Pursuant to that vote, Patricia Anderson was nominated. The following three SACUA nominations were therefore returned to the Provost's Office: Vilma Mesa, Magdalena Zaborowska, and Patricia Anderson.

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."