

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION  
Items for Information**

**SUBJECT: May 2023 Faculty Governance Update**

**Overview of items discussed:**

1. SACUA
2. Senate Assembly
3. Senate Assembly Committees
4. University Senate
5. Faculty Senate Office Update

**1. SACUA:**

- SACUA discussed four proposals that represent a range of options for the University Senate restructuring (1. Representatives; 2. Senate Expansion; 3. Restructuring Faculty Governance to Mirror Administrative Leadership; 4. A Multi-Branch Collective Senate) and voted (7-2) on presenting the slate of [four proposals](#) to the Senate Assembly to vote on the most favorable models among these, to be followed by a vote on the favored model against no change in April.
- SACUA discussed and passed a [conflict of interest statement](#) for SACUA membership while holding certain university leadership positions. SACUA also discussed about processes for moving programs from one unit to another. SACUA hosted the GEO president and vice president for them to share their platform with SACUA and shared their update at its March 13 meeting. At its March 27 meeting, SACUA met with guests from Wolverine Wellness to learn about the Wellbeing Collective and the Faculty Well-being Network. SACUA also met with Provost McCauley, and it began looking at an implementing resolution for faculty senate restructuring.

**2. SENATE ASSEMBLY:**

- In the March meeting, SA hosted President Ono. Three SA members presented topics on the role of the Faculty Senate in the university, faculty retention and recruitment, and support for faculty childcare. President Ono also addressed the SA and had questions and answers.
- Senate Assembly voted on new SACUA members. We had a slate of eleven candidates, and Vilma Mesa, Professor, Education, Heather O'Malley, Assistant Research Scientist, Medical School, and Ya Sha (Alex) Yi, Professor, Engineering, UM-Dearborn were elected to three-year terms. New SACUA members will begin on May 1, 2023. Congratulations to Professors Mesa, O'Malley, and Yi.
- Senate Assembly discussed the four proposals presented to them and did a ranked choice vote on the four proposals. The proposal on Senate Expansion was the most favored proposal. An

implementing resolution was drafted based on this model and presented to the SA for a vote in the April meeting.

- In April, SA hosted Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Geoff Chatas for a visit. SA also voted on the favored senate restructuring model against no change in April. Because the resolution passed, a full senate meeting will be called for late-May.
- Vision 2034 is underway. The Faculty Senate Office hosted a focus group with SA and SA Committee Chairs with the Strategic Visioning Process team on April 14 to discuss the strategic visions for U-M.

### **3. SENATE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES:**

- The annual Administration Evaluation Committee (AEC) survey of administrators has concluded. Results will be available soon.


### **4. UNIVERSITY SENATE:**

- A full Faculty Senate meeting will be held in late-May to consider the senate restructuring to add Clinical Professors (Assistant, Associate, and Full), Archivists, and Curators to the Senate.

### **5. FACULTY SENATE OFFICE:**

- The Faculty Senate Office is soliciting nominations for five Faculty Senate Awards through May 9, 2023. Awards are available in the areas of faculty governance, distinguished public service, and librarians. Please visit the [Faculty Senate Office website](#) for details.

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