

To: SACUA

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Faculty Senate Office Activities

The FSO continues to productive:

- The FSO staff continues its excellent work assisting all 18 SA committees by writing minutes, helping with agendas, scheduling meetings, and sending reminder emails.
- The FSO supported a successful DMN lecture, with related activities, including a luncheon with fellows from the Wallace House for Journalism and 11 student journalists from the *Daily*, the main lecture itself, and a dinner afterwards.
 - Remaining work: A thank you letter to the DMN speaker, Jamelle Bouie, lecture video postproduction, and final payment processing for various related DMN expenses.
- The FSO staff participated in a "Ruthven Mardi Gras Madness" event in Ruthven, with food and prizes awarded.
- The FSO has been assisting with the upcoming 2023 SACUA member election. The SACUA Nomination Committee has been duly elected by the Senate Assembly, and we are currently working on scheduling a meeting for that committee next week. As of 2/17/2023, the FSO received 12 eligible nominations. We are working on verifying candidate interest and soliciting brief biographies and candidate statements. The deadline for nominations is 8am on Monday, 2/20/23 via a Google form here: <https://forms.gle/36XBGJFkRbP3MrMLA>.
- I have been assisting, in various ways, the ongoing efforts involved with the possibility of restructuring the Faculty Senate.
- The FSO assisted the Senate Assembly and SACUA with a somewhat complex Zoom breakout session during the February Senate Assembly meeting, with SACUA members being rotated between groups to receive feedback on four rough proposals related to our ongoing restructuring discussions.
- I met with the Director of Wolverine Wellness (Mary Jo Desprez) and the Wolverine Wellness Well-being Collective Lead (Joe Zichi). The topic of the discussion was begin brainstorming the formation of a new faculty network to participate in the work of the Well-being Collective.
- I have been assisting the AAAC with planning a possible speaking event for later this semester.

SACUA Actions

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

- On February 1st, SACUA concluded a vote related to the ongoing Senate restructuring discussion. The vote was (1) to obtain SACUA feedback on a draft ballot to be presented to the Senate Assembly and (2) in response to a set of straw poll questions that the RPP approved on January 31st to present to the Senate Assembly. That draft Senate Assembly ballot was focused on narrowing down who the Senate Assembly wanted to continue considering this term in our

ongoing restructuring discussions. In the February 1st vote, SACUA voted against adding the following suggested groups from the RPP straw poll to the Senate Assembly ballot for possible consideration within the Senate Assembly this term: Research Investigators, Clinical Pharmacists, Emeritus Faculty, Adjunct or Intermittent Faculty, and Part Time Librarians. SACUA members also provided written feedback on the RPP poll and the Senate Assembly ballot.

- On February 16th, SACUA voted on nominations for possible appointment by the Provost to a new working group being created to consider the impacts of AI technology such as ChatGPT. Pursuant to that vote, SACUA nominated the following individuals: Kentaro Toyama (School of Information), Rada Mihalcea (College of Engineering), Ivo Dinov (School of Nursing), and Lu Wang (College of Engineering). SACUA was requested to return three nominees, but due to a tie involving Ivo Dinov and Lu Wang, four names were returned.

Senate Assembly Actions

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

- On February 9th, the Senate Assembly voted on which groups to continue considering this term in the Senate Assembly's ongoing Senate restructuring discussions, with any groups not selected being able to be addressed in a future term. Pursuant to that vote, the Senate Assembly approved continuing to consider this term all Clinical Track Professors (Assistant, Associate, and Full), Archivists, and Curators. The Senate Assembly voted against considering this term Clinical Instructors, Clinical Lecturers, and the Lecturers (I, II, III, and IV).
- On February 15th, the Senate Assembly voted on which outgoing SACUA and Senate Assembly members to elect as the 2023 SACUA nominating committee. Pursuant to the Senate rules, two outgoing SACUA members and four outgoing Senate Assembly members shall comprise the SACUA nominating committee. As a result of that vote, the following SACUA members were elected: (1) Allen Liu and (2) Kentaro Toyama. In addition, the following Senate Assembly members were elected, (1) Ella Kazerooni, (2) Dinesh Pal, (3) Min-Hui Huang, and (4) a tie between Ishani Maitra and Ivo Dinov. To resolve that tie, Ivo Dinov volunteered to serve officially as an alternate. Both Ishani and Ivo will be invited to participate in the SACUA nominating committee activities, with Ivo being officially noted as an alternate for purposes of voting.