

To: SACUA

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Subject: Director's Report on Faculty Senate Office Activities

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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 submitted to *The Record* information regarding all the 2023 SACUA candidates.
- The FSO has reserved University Hall for all the Senate Assembly meetings for next year and will now work on reserving Ruthven 1100 for the most likely SACUA meeting dates.
- The FSO has reserved the ballroom at the League to hold an input meeting for Senate Assembly members and chairs to provide input as part the President's strategic visioning process. Bagels, coffee, and similar catering will be provided, starting at 9am, with the meeting starting at 9:30.
- The FSO received a handheld radio for communications during emergencies.
- The FSO continues to assist with the ongoing Senate restructuring issue.
- The FSO prepared its website and intake forms for this year's Faculty Senate awards nominations. A couple of emails to all Senate members requesting nominations has been scheduled to go out (one ASAP and one at the end of this month). The deadline for materials is May 1.
- For the President's inauguration on March 7<sup>th</sup>, Eric and Luke attended physically and Ann attended virtually.
- I attended a meeting about the [Bold Challenges](#) initiative being spearheaded by OVPR. The Bold Challenges initiative seeks to help build teams with members from multiple schools and/or campuses for research. Financial assistance is available for established teams that are selected pursuant to an application process and the program requirements.

### 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. Due to their terms ending, three faculty members need to be replaced. Under the Regents' Bylaws, SACUA must nominate six faculty members, and the President will select three. SACUA voted on seven nominations, resulting in five members being nominated: Audrey Bennett, Patricio G. Herbst, Tom Braun, Anna Stefanopoulou, and Nicole Ellison. The sixth nomination deadlocked in a tie between Devon Powers and Francine Dolins. To break the tie, SACUA is electronically voting again to select between just the two of them.