

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 their excellent work assisting all 18 SA committees by writing minutes, helping with agendas, scheduling meetings, and sending reminder emails.
- The FSO staff has continued assisting committee chairs with the preparation of final reports. We have some already received that we will be sharing with SACUA soon.
- On April 13<sup>th</sup>, the FSO participated in a Ruthven Building Ping Pong Tournament, which included many of U-M's executive officers as competitors. While Luke and Ann have been eliminated, Eric has won his way to the "Sweet Sixteen" that will occur sometime this summer.
- The FSO organizing a Faculty Senate 2034 Vision input session that was held on April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The FSO assisted with a complex vote process involving multiple amendments to a resolution to expand the University Senate as well as a vote on that resolution itself.
- The FSO has been organizing an appreciate lunch for the IT staff who have assisted with the AEC's survey of administrators.
- The FSO continues to assist with award nominations.
- The FSO has begun organizing for an upcoming special meeting of the University Senate.

### FSO Director Activities

- I assisted with the SACUA Working Group on Public Health with its final meeting of the term. This group has consisted of Tom Braun and Lindsay Admon and meets with Rob Ernst, U-M's Chief Health Officer. We need to revisit the composition of this group for next year.
- I led an onboarding session with the new SACUA members.
- I had numerous conversations with the *Record* about publishing a faculty perspective piece about the Faculty Senate's anti-caste efforts as well as the resolution to expand the University Senate.
- I am coordinating with committee chairs to meet with SACUA, if possible, during the May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup> meetings.
- I am coordinating with the President's Vision 2034 team for a possible SACUA focus group session that would be focused on getting SACUA's feedback on the topic of shared governance.

### SACUA Actions

- Between meetings, SACUA has performed the following actions that should be included in the SACUA minutes:
  - On April 19<sup>th</sup>, SACUA voted in the affirmative to make a minor technical correction in the implementing resolution to expand the University Senate in order to resolve a textual

ambiguity in Attachments A and B. Revised language in both attachments now reads as follows:

- For the purposes of Senate Assembly apportionment, UM-Dearborn members shall constitute a “UM-Dearborn” unit; UM-Flint members shall constitute a “UM-Flint” unit; and all Librarian, Archivist, and Curator members from all campuses shall constitute a “Library” unit of the Senate Assembly.

### Senate Assembly Actions

- Between meetings, the Senate Assembly has performed the following actions that should be included in the Senate Assembly minutes:
  - On April 19<sup>th</sup>, the Senate Assembly voted in the affirmative on three of four amendments to a pending resolution to expand the University Senate:
    - Amendment 1: Added a 2/3 vote requirement for future membership changes.
    - Amendment 2: Eliminated certain restrictions on voting by Clinical Professors, Archivists, and Curators, while retaining a restriction that only Tenure-Track Faculty may vote on tenure-related issues.
    - Amendment 4: Added a non-exhaustive list of “tenure-related” examples.
  - On April 19<sup>th</sup>, the Senate Assembly voted against one of four amendments to a pending resolution to expand the University Senate:
    - Amendment 3: Would have eliminated the restriction that only Tenure-Track Faculty are eligible to vote on tenure-related issues.
  - On April 24<sup>th</sup>, the Senate Assembly voted in the affirmative on a resolution entitled “Senate Expansion to Admit Clinical Professors, Archivists, and Curators.” The resolution requires next that a University Senate meeting be called and that the resolution be voted on by the full University Senate.