

To: SACUA

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Faculty Senate Office Activities

The FSO continues to productive:

- The FSO staff has continued assisting committee chairs with the preparation of final reports. Maybe around only five or so reports are left to be finalized.
- The FSO continues working on the logistics for the May 25th special meeting of the University Senate in Ruthven's University Hall.
- The FSO completed accepting award nominations and have prepared packets of nomination materials for SACUA members to review for the two awards requiring SACUA selection: the Distinguished Faculty Governance Award and the Regents' Award for Distinguished Public Service. Nomination material packets are also being organized for the selection committees for the other three faculty awards.

FSO Director Activities

- I met with Colleen Conway to discuss her experiences on the Library Council, which is the faculty committee created under the Regents' bylaws to advise the Dean of Libraries. I am interested in expanding FSO support to this committee for next year as part of an effort to increase the impact of this group, especially with a new Library Dean being selected. Now is a good time to improve the efficacy of a committee that multiple members have now informed me tends to be a waste of time.
- I have been coordinating an open call out for speakers and motions for the upcoming University Senate meeting.
- I attended a webinar by Yoel Fink about federal government efforts against Chinese American scientists.
- I attended a meeting to discuss the UM Faculty Undergraduate Scholarship. This scholarship fund, first created sixteen years ago this month during the Michigan Difference Campaign, continues to support Michigan students from Flint, Dearborn and Ann Arbor. The attached 2022-2023 scholarship report includes letters of appreciation from two students, Clark, an undergrad from the Ann Arbor campus and Devian, an undergrad from the Dearborn campus. This year the UM Faculty Undergraduate Scholarship Fund awarded \$9,000 to three students.
- I went through all the received volunteers for SA committees for next year and performed a preliminary sorting based on faculty stated committee preferences. Tom and I will be looking at that preliminary sorting while considering the SACUA suggestions of faculty based on expertise to help us make drafts of committee rosters for consideration.