

**To:** SACUA

**From:** John Pasquale, Chair, Secretary of the University Advisory Committee

**Subject:** Report on Activities of Secretary of the University Advisory Committee for AY 22-23

**Members:** John Pasquale (Chair), Joshua Ackerman, Muhammad “Nadeem” Aslam, Kincaid Brown, Emily Campbell, Francine Dolins, Melissa Levine, Merle Rosenzweig, Linda Zhu, Anthony DiMeglio (Undergraduate Student)

**SACUA Liaison:** None

**Meeting Dates:** 10/4/22; 11/10/22; 2/9/23; 3/16/23

### **Committee Charge**

#### SPECIFIC CHARGE 2022 – 2023

1. Discuss the Regents’ and the President’s priorities for 2022-2023.
2. Provide faculty feedback on issues and policy matters of university concern of high priority such as, but not limited to sexual misconduct policy, climate change and carbon neutrality, and budget matters.

### **Committee Actions**

The committee served as an opportunity for Secretary of the University Sally Churchill to share news from the Regents and Ono administration, as well as receive feedback from an engaged audience that included faculty, librarians, and students. The committee brought forth any questions or concerns to Secretary Churchill that came under the purview of the Regents or the Ono administration.

Each meeting, the committee discussed topics of relevance with the purpose of working to identify solutions to these issues, as well as underscore the importance of these items to Secretary Churchill. The topics included academic freedom, gender inequity in salaries at the University, and ethical considerations pertaining to investments in the endowment.

### **Information Obtained**

Each meeting, the committee was briefed on goals of the Regents (both short and long-term), as well as any public actions. The committee was also briefed on the goals and actions of the Ono administration.

October: The hiring of President Ono was discussed as this is when he started at the University. An overview of President Ono’s vision and goals for the university are discussed.



November: Administration personnel changes were discussed, along with President Ono's first few weeks in office, as well as the launch of the search for a new Vice President of Communications. The committee was informed of the formation of the Office of Ethics, Integrity, and Compliance, at the behest of President Ono.

February: President Ono's Strategic Visioning plan was introduced and discussed by the committee. The major campus building construction projects were reviewed. An update was provided on the progress made on the new Office of Ethics, Integrity, and Compliance.

March: The major campus building construction projects introduced at the last committee meeting have been approved at the most recent Regent's meeting.

### **Recommendations**

- Continue dialogue with Secretary Churchill's office regarding all aspects of the committee's charge.
- Address issues that are relevant to the UM community as needed- both short-term and long-term.