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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Assembly
Monday, April 17th, 3:15

The hybrid meeting was held in 2000 Ruthven, University Hall and remotely via Zoom.

Virtual Attendees: Lindsay Admon, Audrey Bennett, Amanda Brown, Allen Burton, Mihai Burzo, Clifford Suhyun Cho, Ivo Dinov, Francine Dolins, Wessam Elmeligi (nonvoting), Steven Erickson, August Evrard, Margherita Fontana, Hollis Griffin, Seth Guikema, Ingrid Hendy, Daniel Hertz, Min-Hui Huang, Luke Hyde, Inderjit Kaur, Ella Kazerooni, Shake Ketefian (nonvoting), Jong-Jin Kim, Frederick Korley, Susan Lepri, Brian Love, Ashley Lucas (alternate), Suresh Madathilparambil, Bruce Maxim, Rebekah Modrak, Karin Muraszko, Mojtaba Navvab, Chinedum Okwudire, Heather O'Malley (nonvoting), Dinesh Pal, Phillip Palmbo, Jessica Pasquale, Pamela Pennock (nonvoting), Derek Peterson, Rogerio Pinto, Nicholson Price, Venkatram Ramaswamy, Gabriel Rauterberg, Harmony Reppond, Alexander Rickard, Suzanne Selig (nonvoting), Sara Soderstrom, Quentin Stout, Kentaro Toyama, Alex Yasha Yi, Bradley Zebrack.

In-person Attendees: Tom Braun, Jonathan Brennan, Paul Fossum (nonvoting, parliamentarian), Chris Friese, Carolyn Kuranz, Cliff Lampe, Allen Liu, Ann Marshall (nonvoting, FSO), Luke McCarthy (nonvoting, FSO), Damani Partridge, Silvia Pedraza, Andre Monteiro Da Rocha, Deirdre Spencer (nonvoting, Secretary), Eric Vandenberghe (nonvoting, FSO).

Invited guests:

Geoffrey Chatas, Executive Vice President, and Chief Financial Officer
Erik Lundberg, Chief Investment Officer

Press:

Katie Kelton – *University Record*
Joey Lin – *Michigan Daily*
Nadia Taeckens – *Michigan Daily*

The meeting was called to order at 3:17. The minutes from the March 20th meeting were approved via consent. Announcements: SACUA is informing the search for the EICO Director. Barbara McQuade from the Law School will be co-chair of the committee. SACUA sent their statement regarding the GEO strike to both President Ono and Provost McCauley. Incoming chair Braun and outgoing chair Liu are scheduled to meet with the GEO leadership. The chair encourages University Senate faculty members to complete the Administrators Evaluation Survey and encourage their units to do the same. The Chair asked that questions be reserved for Matters Arising at the end of the meeting. There will be 10 minutes allocated for outgoing members' remarks. SACUA sponsored a presidential focus 2034 strategic planning.

3:20 Faculty Restructuring discussion: Senate Assembly voted last month to include Clinical Professors, Archivists, and Curators. Four amendments were brought forward and there were four faculty responders. The chair presented a two-part voting schedule. There will be 48 hours to vote electronically (from 5:30 today until next Wednesday at 5:30) on the amendments. A second vote will then take place electronically from this Thursday to next Monday on the resolution, as amended. The chair proposed that in today's meeting, seven minutes be allowed to discuss each amendment. There was no objection to that voting and discussion schedule, which were thereby adopted by unanimous consent.

The Senate Assembly then discussed the following Amendments in turn:

- Amendment 1: Add a 2/3 vote requirement for future membership changes?
- Amendment 2: Eliminate certain restrictions on voting by Clinical Professors, Archivists, and Curators?
- Amendment 3: Eliminate the restriction that only tenure-track faculty are eligible to vote on tenure-related issues?
- Amendment 4: Add the following non-exhaustive list of "tenure-related" examples?

Discussion closed on the amendments. The Senate Assembly will begin voting on the amendments at 5pm following the meeting.

4:00 Presentation: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Geoff Chatas and Chief Investment Officer Erik Lundberg gave a presentation on the Ethical Framework for Endowment Investments.

4:30 – Vote in meeting – A CAR resolution to create a committee to pursue the erection of a larger land acknowledgement monument was presented by Dinesh Pal.

Voting results to form a committee:
Yes -- 42 No -- 2 Abstain – 0

4:30 - Remarks from Outgoing Members.

Outgoing members of the Senate Assembly were given an opportunity to provide remarks, included how service has been a rewarding and educational experience and how staffing the Faculty Senate Office has been important for supporting the Faculty Senate.

4:55: Matters Arising: An onboarding process for new members was suggested. Director McCarthy stated that the FSO will consider this issue over the summer. A survey was suggested to capture what outgoing members thought we should tackle for the next year, but it was also pointed out that we did vote last year on what we should cover in the coming year: shared faculty governance, childcare, and retention of faculty.

5:00: Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm



Addendum

Senate Assembly Actions

- Between meetings, the Senate Assembly has performed the following actions that should be included in the Senate Assembly minutes:
 - On April 19th, 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 19th, 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 24th, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre D. Spencer
Secretary

University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 5.02:
Governing Bodies in Schools and Colleges
Sec. 4.01 The University Senate

"...[t]he Senate is authorized to consider any subject pertaining to the interests of the university, and to make recommendations to the Board of Regents in regard thereto. Decisions of the University Senate with respect to matters within its jurisdiction shall constitute the binding action of the university faculties. Jurisdiction over academic policies shall reside in the faculties of the various schools and colleges, but insofar as actions by the several faculties affect university policy as a whole, or schools and colleges other than the one in which they originate, they shall be brought before the University Senate."

Rules of the University Senate, the Senate Assembly and the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs:

Senate: "In all cases not covered by rules adopted by the Senate, the procedure in Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed."

Assembly: "The Assembly may adopt rules for the transaction of its business. In



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appropriate cases not covered by rules of the Assembly, the rules of the University Senate shall apply.”

SACUA: “The committee may adopt rules for the transaction of its business.”