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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs

Monday, September 18, 2023, 3:00

The hybrid meeting was held in 1100 Ruthven and via Zoom.

In-Person Attendance: Chair Tom Braun, Vice Chair Damani Partridge, FSO Director Luke McCarthy, Professor Silvia Pedraza, FSO Coordinator Ann Marshall, Secretary Deirdre Spencer

Remote Attendance: Professor Lindsay Admon, Professor Simon Cushing, Professor Allen Liu, Professor Rebekah Modrak, Professor Heather O'Malley, Professor Alex Yi,

Remote Guests: Donna Fry, Interim Chancellor, U-M Flint
Katie Kelton, *The University Record*

3:00 Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 3:02. The minutes were approved by consent. There were no announcements.

3:05 SACUA Chair Updates: The chair reported three items:

- (1) He thanked SACUA for taking time to attend the retreat on Friday September 15th. The group voted for two goals: (A). repair grievance procedures and (B). clarify the meanings and protections associated with tenure.
- (2) Both the chair and the FSO director met with Amy Stillman, Chair of Native American Studies in the Department of American Culture regarding the building of a new, larger commemorative monument. In 2018 Native American students compiled a report with many recommendations, none of which have been implemented. There are many issues to consider, and this is still a work in progress.
- (3) The chair and the director met with President Ono to discuss how to best use their time together. The topics which rose to the top were a childcare facility for Ann Arbor Central Campus and more affordable housing for graduate students.

Questions:

- (1) It was asked if the childcare request applied to the regional campuses as well? The response was 'no', but that SACUA will bring this up.
- (2) It was asked if childcare was one of the two items that were voted on at the retreat. The response was that it was an additional issue to bring up, like the salary study. These are additional suggestions to pursue throughout the year.

3:15 FSO Director Updates: – There was no director's written report, but he touched on two items:

- (1) the Open Meetings Act question raised at the retreat. The act does not apply to SACUA, but SACUA can make its own determinations about which parts of meetings should be open to the press and which parts should not.
- (2) The director sent liaison assignments to the group. The FSO will send us a general

thank you for Friday's attendance as well as the picture we took.

3:20 Salary Study Update: Executive Session.

3:30 Guest: Donna Fry, Interim Chancellor, UM Flint: Executive Session.

4:00 Post-Guest Discussion: Executive Session.

4:10 FGM Appointments and Grievance System Next Steps: Executive Session.

4:40 Matters Arising – No matters arising.

4:45 Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 4:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deirdre D. Spencer
Secretary

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Sec. 4.01 The University Senate

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