

Secretary of the University Advisory Committee (SAC)

Minutes of Meeting: 3/16/23
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Present: John Pasquale (Chair), Kincaid Brown, Linda Zhu, Joshua Ackerman, Sally Churchill (VP and Secretary of the University), Francine Dolins, Merle Rosenzweig

Absent: Muhammad Nadeem Aslam, Emily Campbell, Melissa Levine, Anthony DiMeglio

Faculty Senate Office: Eric Vandenberghe

10:05am: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the February meeting were approved.

10:05am-10:21am: Update provided by VP and Secretary of the University Sally Churchill

Summary: At the last Regent's meeting, the major housing project discussed at the last SAC meeting was approved. The new project will result in 2500 new beds for students. The goal is to have enough campus housing for every freshman who want to live on central campus. Groundbreaking for this project is set for June. The goal is to have the dorm ready for the fall semester in 2026.

The inauguration of President Ono was last week, and was a success.

GEO negotiations are ongoing. There is a possibility of a work stoppage. Discussion ensued on the GEO negotiations. Concerns about a potential work stoppage were shared. Sally shared her perspective on the situation.

President Ono is attending introductory events across the country to meet with alumni and donors. He was in Washington D.C. on Wednesday and attended an event sponsored by the alumni association.

President Ono has requested feedback as part of the Strategic Visioning Process that is currently underway. One of the primary goals of this process is to have a shared vision for the future. What do we want to have UM look like in 10 years? What would be a great headline 10 years down the road?

Action: Discussion

10:21am-10:24am; 10:49am-11:00am: Call for other topics

Summary: John made a call for topics for next year.

- Data files- transferring from Google Drive to Dropbox. There are a lot of questions



- about this. Faculty should be consulted, need an assessment. This is a three campus issue.
- Ethics and the endowment- could there possibly be a faculty senate committee formed to undertake oversight of the investment of the University's endowment? Are there other options?

Action: Discussion

10:24am-10:49am: Ethics and the endowment

Summary: Francine Dolins introduced the topic. She brought up and discussed a specific example of reviewing the investments UM has made.

Discussion ensued, and there was support among committee members for potentially having a faculty senate committee formed to undertake oversight of the investment of the University's endowment. Further consideration and discussion was deemed necessary.

Discussion ensued on productive ways to ensure that there is oversight of the investment of the University's endowment. Various methods included speaking with the University's finance team, or bringing issues to the attention of the regents if necessary.

Action: Discussion

11:00am: Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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