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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs
Monday, October 9, 2023, 3:00
The hybrid meeting was held at 1100 Ruthven and via Zoom

In-Person: Chair Tom Braun, FSO Director Luke McCarthy, Professor Anouck Girard, Professor Vilma Mesa, Professor Rebekah Modrak, Professor Heather O'Malley, Professor Silvia Pedraza, FSO Coordinator Eric Vandenberghe, Secretary Deirdre Spencer

Remote: Vice Chair Damani Partridge, Professor Simon Cushing, Professor Allen Liu, Professor Alex Yi

Guests:

In-Person: Provost Laurie McCauley

Remote: Christine Gerdes, Special Counsel to the Provost.

Press:

Jeffrey Bleier – *The University Record*

No Reporter - *Michigan Daily*

3:02: The meeting was called to order at 3:02

There were introductions and welcome for new member Professor Anouck Girard

Minutes were approved by consent.

3:05: Chair updates

1. The Chair attended the Intercollegiate Advisory Board Meeting chaired by Athletic Director Ward Manual.
 - a. Topics under discussion included (1) continued expansion of the Big Ten with the inclusion of the Universities of Washington and Oregon and (2) alcohol sales at home games. We don't know where the money will go. Faculty are encouraged to voice their opinions on the matter
2. The campus has received the DEI 2.0 report which includes Native and Indigenous engagement, childcare, and a staff salary equity study.
3. U-M Hillel is sponsoring a candlelight vigil at 7:30 this evening in support of Israel.

FSO: Director Report

1. SACUA received the written report of the FSO Director.
2. Vice President of DEI Tabbye Chavous will visit SACUA on October 30th.
3. SACUA members were asked us to read the DEI 2.0 report in advance of the meeting.

3:15 SOP Approval:

1. After discussions, there was a motion and a second to approve 3 SOPs:
 - a. SOP Creation, Collection, and Publication
 - b. Process for Preparing Minutes for SACUA, Senate Assembly, and University Meetings

- c. Duties of the SACUA Vice Chair
2. SACUA voted to approve all three SOPs.

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3:30, Provost Laurie McCauley

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4:00 Post-Guest De-Brief

4:20 Resolution: Creation of a Senate Assembly (SA) Nominating Committee.

1. This resolution outlines the formation of a SA nominating committee comprised of SA members who are in their third year of service who will submit names of colleagues who might serve on SA committees. After discussions and a few revisions by consent of the proposed resolution, SACUA voted to approve the resolution to present to Senate Assembly at our next meeting. Some outstanding issues raised included:
 - a. The question arose of whether we really need students on SA committees. The consensus is that students were good when they came but often disappeared after the first meeting or two.
 - b. SACUA members will nominate people to fill in committee roster gaps if needed and if we cannot get people to volunteer.
 - c. It was suggested that we begin with SA and have the Nominations Committee narrow down the list of names, then send them to us. We would then further narrow the list and send it back to the SA.
 - d. It was suggested that we include members of the SA committees in the initial call out for names to submit to the nominations committee. It was pointed out that the SA is apportioned but the Committees are not. However, SACUA ended up consenting to revising the resolution to include SA committee members, in light of the larger network of contacts that would help provide.
 - e. SACUA discussed whether to restrict membership to only third year SA members. SACUA ultimately approved the resolution with that membership definition, but some SACUA members may offer amendments for the SA to consider.
 - f. SACUA committee liaisons could help put together the nominations.

4:50: The agenda for the upcoming Senate Assembly meeting was presented and briefly discussed. A motion to approve the proposed agenda, the motion was seconded, and a majority vote passed to approve the agenda.

4:52: Matters Arising: There is no meeting next week due to fall break. It was mentioned that Henry Dyson, Director of the Faculty Honorifics Office, be invited to attend a future SACUA or SA meeting.

4:53 Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 4:53

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 polices 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 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."