

To: SACUA

From: Luke McCarthy, Director, Faculty Senate Office

Subject: Director's Report on Faculty Senate Office Activities

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Faculty Senate Office Activities

The FSO continues to productive:

- Continued ongoing adjustments to the Senate Assembly and Senate Assembly Committee rosters.
- Arranged for refreshments to be provided at this year's Senate Assembly meetings.
- Assisted committee chairs in scheduling committee meetings for the year.
- Assisted with the logistics of planning for the annual DMN lecture event on November 9th as well as related social events: a DMN dinner, a luncheon with students, and social events with the speaker and U-M faculty.
- Attended the annual New Faculty Orientation fair, and handed out information on the Faculty Senate as well as information about the "Best Practices for Faculty/Student Interactions Syllabus Insert" developed by the Faculty Senate.
- Worked on reservation and food logistics for the SACUA retreat to be held on September 15th.
- Assisted SACUA's FGM, Karen Staller, and Academic HR in relation to start of a couple new grievances.

FSO Director Activities

- Assisted SACUA in its process of nominating three faculty to participate on a search advisory committee for a new Vice Provost of Sustainability
- Assisted SACUA in appointing three new faculty to the Library Council.
- Assisted SACUA in an ongoing process of appointing a faculty member to the University Appeals Board that reviews cases of possible student or student organization misconduct.
- Assisted the SACUA Chair in continuing work on drafting an exhaustive list of potential SACUA objectives for the year.
- Reached out to the Amy Stillman, Director of the Native American Studies program, about coordinating with SACUA about a committee to create a land acknowledgment monument.
- Finished a draft of a report on the grievance system to be shared with SACUA.
- Submitted an annual report to the administration about the FSO's internal control processes.
- Assisted the SACUA Chair in communications with the President's team about an upcoming meeting between SACUA and the President on August 28th.
- Assisted numerous committee chairs with continuing tweaks to the proposed committee charges.
- Met with the Co-Chairs of the DMNC, Michael Atzmon and Melanie Tanielian, to discuss various DMN issues as well as this year's event.
- With the SACUA Chair and Vice Chair, met with the ECRT to discuss various ongoing issues, such as the race-based misconduct report planning committee to inform a future ECRT report and a

[new Michigan law](#) that criminalizes the use of a professional position of authority to “prevent or attempt to prevent” reporting to the title IX coordinator, which raises concerns about how faculty and others can advise students on the difficult question of whether to file a report.

SACUA Actions

Between meetings, SACUA has performed the following actions that should be included in the SACUA minutes:

- Following a request from the Provost’s Office for SACUA to submit three nominations to serve on a search advisory committee for a new Vice Provost of Sustainability, on August 17, 2023, SACUA approved nominating the following faculty:
 - Stephanie Preston, Professor of Psychology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and Faculty Ombuds, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
 - Joe Trumpey, Associate Professor of Art, Penny W Stamps School of Art and Design, Associate Professor of Natural Resources, School for Environment and Sustainability and Associate Professor of Program in the Environment, School for Environment and Sustainability and College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
 - Allen Burton, Professor of Environment and Sustainability, School for Environment and Sustainability
- Following receiving nominations from the Deans and Executive Committees of the Ann Arbor campus, SACUA appointed three faculty members to the Library Council:
 - Stuart Kirsch, Professor of Anthropology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
 - Madhumita Lahiri, Associate Professor of English Language and Literature, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
 - Ella August, Clinical Associate Professor of Epidemiology, School of Public Health