

To: SACUA

From: Luke McCarthy, Director, Faculty Senate Office

Subject: Director's Report on Faculty Senate Office Activities

Date: September 22, 2023

Faculty Senate Office Activities

The FSO continues to productive:

- Assisted with receiving nominations and materials for a temporary SACUA member to join SACUA during Lindsay Admon's maternity leave.
- Assisted with developing onboarding materials to distribute to Senate Assembly members.
- Worked on various committee roster additions, following suggestions from Senate Assembly members after the September SA meeting for faculty to add to various committees.
- Added students and SACUA liaisons to committees.
- Continued a multitude of committee scheduling tasks.
- Began providing service to committees during meetings, including taking minutes.
- Assisted with the logistics of the September 15th SACUA retreat.
- Worked on the logistics for a Committee Chair Luncheon to be held on Friday, September 29th.
- Assisted with the logistics of an October 25th lecture event and panel discussion.
- Assisted with the logistics of the annual DMN lecture event.
- Attended a Ruthven event on planning Ruthven events.
- Assisted the SACUA Chair in sending out a Faculty Senate newsletter and submitting a report on faculty governance to the Regents.

FSO Director Activities

- Assisted the Faculty Ombuds with updating their website and requesting an update to the website of the Student Ombuds (to clarify the separate Ombuds offices and provide a link to the Faculty Ombuds office).
- Assisted the SACUA Chair in various meetings, including with the President, Provost, and the Director of the Native American Studies Program (LSA).
- Assisted various committee chairs with charge/agenda planning and beginning the new year.
- Assisted SACUA Working Group of Public Health that meets with Rob Ernst.
- Assisted SACUA with appointing a faculty member to the University Appeals Board
- Offered to provide financial support for a volume related to Chandler Davis being developed by U-M Faculty, including DMN Co-Chair Michael Atzmon.
- Worked with staff in HR Data & Analytics on updating the logic used to define Faculty Senate membership and the creation of a new dashboard to provide data on Faculty Senate membership.
- Facilitated discussions between the SACUA FGM Karen Staller, Academic HR, and the SACUA Chair regarding making improvements to the grievance process.
- Met with faculty with concerns about the implementation of AI at U-M.
- Assisted the AAAC with organization of an event to be held on October 25th:

- Topic: Constructive ways in which the University could more effectively eliminate gender violence and harassment.
- Lecture: Jennifer Freyd, Professor Emerit of Psychology at the University of Oregon (research: interpersonal and institutional betrayal trauma and sexual violence and discrimination within institutional settings).
- Panel:
 - Jennifer Freyd
 - NiCole Buchanan, MSU, Professor of Psychology (research: racial and sexual harassment in the workplace)
 - Nicole Bedera, UM-educated Sociologist affiliated with the Center for Institutional Courage and Co-Founder of Beyond Compliance (research: sexual assault within organizational settings)
- Moderator: Fatma Müge Göçek, Professor of Sociology (research: comparative analysis of history, politics and gender in the first and third worlds).
- Draft Main Event Schedule: Freyd lecture at 2pm; panel discussion at 3:45pm.
- Location: Koessler Room, Michigan League.
- Promotion to begin very soon.

SACUA Actions

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

- On September 20, 2023, SACUA voted electronically to appoint Alvaro Rojas-Peña, Medical School, to the University Appeals Board for a three-year term ending on August 31, 2026.