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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Faculty Senate

Special Meeting:

Senate Expansion to Admit Clinical Professors, Archivists, and Curators
Thursday, May 25th, 3:00

The hybrid meeting was held in University Hall, 2000 Ruthven and via Zoom

3:01 Opening Proceedings

The special meeting was called to order at 3:01 after finding that a quorum was present. This special meeting was called due to a Senate Assembly resolution approving the expansion of the University Senate to admit Clinical Professors, Archivists, and Curators. That resolution required that a meeting of the University Senate be called. In advance of the meeting, an Amendment to Include Lecturers was submitted for consideration.

Call to order and Chair opening remarks

The meeting opened with a review of protocols: whether in-person or attending virtually, members will need to raise their hands and be called on before they can speak. Virtual attendees will use the Zoom raised hand function. In-person attendees will need to speak into the provided microphone after they are recognized.

To help structure the meeting and voting on the expansion resolution and the submitted amendment, the Chair then entertained two procedural motions: (1) to approve a proposed agenda and (2) to approve a schedule of voting to occur electronically following the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda submitted in advance of the meeting. The motion received a second, and a vote was held shortly thereafter.

VOTE results: Yes=331, No=15, Abstentions 8

Approval of Voting Schedule

A motion was made to suspend the rules in order to approve the voting schedule submitted in advance of the meeting for voting on the expansion resolution and the amendment. The motion received a second, and a vote was held shortly thereafter.

VOTE results: Yes=301, No=32, Abstentions=5

Approved Voting Schedule

- For 72 hours after the University Senate meeting, starting around 5:30 pm on May 25th, all current University Senate members may vote electronically on just the Amendment to Include Lecturers, which needs to be resolved first.
- On Tuesday, May 30th, the results of the vote on the amendment will be announced and the main resolution, as revised or not depending on the outcome of the vote, will be shared with all members.
- Starting on Wednesday, May 31st, all current University Senate members may vote electronically on the final version of the Senate expansion resolution for a period of 72 hours.

Secretary's Report on Recent Senate Assembly Action

The Senate Assembly voted in approval of expanding the University Senate to Admit Clinical Professors, Archivists, and Curators according to a resolution distributed in advance of this special meeting. The Senate Assembly resolution also required that this special meeting of the University Senate be called to consider the adoption of that resolution. The question of whether to adopt that resolution is therefore the pending question for which this Special Meeting was called to consider. In advance of the Special Meeting, a timely Amendment to Include Lecturers was submitted for consideration and distributed before the meeting.

3:30 Senate Expansion Resolution: Volunteer Speakers

Ivo Dinov, Remarks in Favor of the Resolution
Beth Moore, Remarks in favor of the Resolution
Bruno Giordani, Remarks in favor of the Resolution After Years of Working Towards This
James Aikens, Remarks in favor of the Resolution.
Yi-Li Wu, Remarks against the resolution because it excludes lecturers

3:50 Senate Expansion Resolution: Open Senate Member Discussion

4:10 Amendment to Include Lecturers

Introduction: Yi-Li Wu, Remarks in Favor of the Amendment
Yi-Li Wu moved that the amendment be adopted. The motion was seconded.

Rebekah Modrak, Remarks in Favor of the Amendment.
Kentaro Toyama, Remarks in Favor of the Amendment.
Shanna Kattari, Remarks in Favor of the Amendment.
Kerstin Barndt, Remarks in Favor of the Amendment.
Silvia Pedraza, Remarks Against the Amendment

4:30 Amendment to Include Lecturers: Open Senate Member Discussion

Multiple Senate members spoke in favor of including the Lecturers.

4:44 A motion to adjourn was made, with a second. A vote on the motion was shortly held thereafter.

Vote to Adjourn Yes=255, No=42, Abstain=17

4:45 Meeting Adjourned at 4:45, with voting to follow thereafter according to the approved voting schedule.

Addendum

University Senate Actions

Between meetings, the following actions occurred that should now be included in the minutes of the University Senate:

- On May 28th, 2023, the University Senate approved an Amendment to Include Lecturers, which amended a pending resolution to expand the University Senate.
- On June 3rd, 2023, the University Senate approved a resolution to [expand the Senate to Admit Clinical Professors, Lecturers, Archivists, and Curators](#).
- On July 20, 2023, the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan approved various Bylaw changes recommended in Attachment A of the Senate expansion resolution that were necessary for the expansion to take effect. Pursuant to the automatic enactment provisions of the Senate expansion resolution, the expansion resolution thereby became immediately effective. As provided in the expansion resolution, the University Senate has now expanded.

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 policies 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."