

Minutes October 30, 2023  
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs  
Monday, October 30, Time 3:00  
The hybrid meeting was held in 1100 Ruthven and via Zoom

**In Person Attendance:** Chair Tom Braun, Vice Chair Damani Partridge, Professor Heather O'Malley, Professor Vilma Mesa, FSO Director Luke McCarthy, FSO Coordinator Ann Marshall, Secretary Deirdre Spencer

**Remote Attendance:** Professor Simon Cushing, Professor Anouck Girard, Professor Allen Liu, Professor Alex Yi

**Absent:** Professor Rebekah Modrak and Professor Silvia Pedraza

**Guests:**

Katie Kelton, *The Record*

Tabbye Chavous, Vice President for Diversity Equity and Inclusion,  
Marie Ting, Diversity Equity and Inclusion Administrator,  
Mark Allison, UM Flint, Chair of CAR

**3:00 Call to Order / Minutes / Announcements**

The meeting was called to order at 3:03. Minutes were approved by consent.

1. November 20<sup>th</sup> is next SACUA meeting, President Ono and Geoff Chatas will be our guests.
2. DMN November 9<sup>th</sup>, Law School, Room 100 Hutchins Hall.
3. Senate Assembly Meeting, November 13, 2023, and we need to approve the agenda for next Senate Assembly today.
4. Next week on November 6<sup>th</sup> is the University Senate meeting for the entire faculty.

**3:05 Senate Assembly / Agenda Approval – SACUA Voted to approve the agenda**

**Executive Session**

**3:30 --Tabbye Chavous and Marie Ting – Guests – DEI 2.0**

**Executive Session**

**4:00 Guest Debrief**

**4:20 Open session –**

The SACUA chair and FSO Director met with President Ono where they discussed childcare.

President Ono will meet with SACUA on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

President Ono suggested that SACUA survey our Senate members to find out what the childcare needs are at Michigan.

UBC could be a model to consider. At UBC, childcare was embedded within the various

departments rather than one single location or organization.

It was suggested that when we survey the University Senate, we should consider dependent care more broadly beyond care for children.

SACUA reviewed draft survey questions and revised them together.

Vilma Mesa moved to authorize the SACUA Chair to send the survey, after getting more feedback on the questions from SACUA members between meetings. Heather O'Malley seconded the motion. SACUA voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**4:30 University Senate meeting next Monday, November 6th in 2000 Ruthven at 3:15.** We have not received any agenda items thus far, but recommendations can be made from the floor. Chair Braun reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

**4:40 Matters arising.** Due to ongoing issues at MSU involving their Board of Trustees, there is some discussion at the state level currently happening regarding whether to change how Regents/Trustees/Governors are selected.

**4:50 Adjourned.** The meeting adjourned at 4:50

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."

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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.”