

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:

- During the fall term, the FSO completed sending thank you letters to Senate Assembly and Committee members who termed off.
- The FSO has been assisting the DAC with formulating a winter term outreach to faculty in support of the Faculty Undergraduate Scholarship.
- The FSO has been assisting the RAC with connecting the committee with the Bold Initiatives Team to explore future support for cross disciplinary research teams.
- The FSO has been wrapping up remaining DMN-related issues from this year's lecture, such as posting the video online and processing final expenses.
- Continued a multitude of committee scheduling, agenda, and minute taking tasks.
- Continued performing various website updating tasks.
- Created a PowerPoint presentation for an SMTD Senate Assembly member to present at a faculty meeting.
- Assisted the AAAC Chair in scheduling a meeting between the Provost's Office and various faculty on the AAAC and in disabilities studies to review four SPGs.
- To assist the AAAC's considerations of faculty burnout, collected various UM resources related to child care.

### FSO Director Activities

- Reached out to the Library Council members to see if they were interested in more administrative support than has been historically true, but he did not receive a sufficiently affirmative response to support further exploring doing so.
- After the CFEI Chair needed to step down, and with no CFEI member interested in becoming a replacement chair, the FSO Director has been assisting the CFEI as it continues forward as an experimental autonomous collective functioning without a chair.
- Coordinated with candidates for SACUA appointment as Assistant Faculty Grievance Monitors.
- Reached out to members of the Standing Judicial Committee that have termed off to inquire if they are interested in SACUA renewing their terms.
- Assisted the Faculty Senate/ECRT planning committee working on a new report related to race, color, and national origin.
- Met with HR and OGC to discuss a possible change for how the two faculty seats for the Police Department Oversight Committee are elected, following the recent Faculty Senate expansion. Previously, there was one Faculty Senate seat and one non-Faculty Senate seat, and that division may no longer be desirable.

- Met with Organization Learning to discuss better support primarily for the SACUA Chair but also for SACUA members. This conversation is continuing, with the most immediate impact being that the FSO Director is now engaging in considerable leadership training through Organizational Learning to try to get a better sense of what would be helpful.
- Assisted the SACUA Working Group on Public Health that continues to meet with Chief Health Officer Rob Ernst.
- Joined the FASCCO advisory board and attended the first meeting in that capacity.
- Joined the Staff Budget Engagement Committee, with meetings beginning in January.
- Submitted the FSO budget materials for the next year.
- Continued planning for a possible new FSO hire.
- Assisted the SACUA Chair in various meetings.
- Assisted SACUA, the SACUA Chair, and faculty members with various grievance system issues.