

Secretary of the University Advisory Committee (SAC)

Minutes of Meeting: 10/30/23

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Present: John Pasquale (Chair), Linda Zhu, Rashmi Rama, Muhammad "Nadeem" Aslam, Vilma Mesa (SACUA Liaison), Jonathan Shillingford, Francine Dolins, Sally Churchill (VP and Secretary of the University), Joshua Ackerman, Anne O'Brien

Absent: Melissa Levine, Merle Rosenzweig, Charlie Keldsen

Faculty Senate Office: Eric Vandenberghe, Luke McCarthy

11:01am: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the March SAC meeting were approved. Introductions by the committee members were made.

11:01am-11:08am: Introduction and discussion of the committee charge

Summary: The Chair provided a brief introduction of the committee, its role, and the charge of the committee.

Action: Discussion

11:08am-11:45am: VP Churchill's remarks and further discussion

Summary: VP Churchill discussed the new residence hall being built on Central Campus. The project recently had a ground breaking. The goal is to have space for any freshman on central campus who would like to live on campus. An update on other capital projects was provided, including on the new space for the Marching Band.

After several years of negotiations, the University of Michigan Center for Innovation in Detroit will be moving forward. More information on the project can be found here: [link](#).

VP Churchill noted the two current investigations by the NCAA taking place right now. At this time it is not known when they will resolve.

The strategic visioning 2034 and campus planning 2050 are starting to coalesce. Initial details will start to come out to the public in approximately early 2024.

The current conflict in the Middle East is discussed. The statements by the administration are discussed and suggestions for further action on the matter are provided.

Discussion turned to [the statement on principles in support of free speech](#) that UM administration is currently working on. Members were encouraged to offer feedback and suggestions on the statement.

Action: Update

11:45am-11:50am: Brainstorm of topics, concerns, action items, etc.

Summary: Topics that were suggested by the committee included:

- The conflict in the Middle East
- Issues related to Palm oil, as well as sustainability, particularly on having events related to sustainability that all campuses involved.
- The statement on principles in support of free speech
- Providing feedback on the strategic visioning 2034 and campus planning 2050
- The August data incident and its aftermath

Action: Discussion

11:50am: Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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