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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Faculty Senate Newsletter

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Please [volunteer](#) to serve next year on a Senate Assembly committee! Read more below.



Time-Sensitive Updates

Vision 2034

The Provost Office is hosting two All-Faculty events for Vision 2034. Please consider attending one or both sessions. This is an opportunity for you to

contribute to the collective vision of our university. Registration links for the two events are here:

- [4/6 In-Person registration](#)
- [4/17 Virtual registration](#)

The 4/6 All-Faculty event will be held in the Kuenzel Room of the Union. You can also visit the [Vision 2034 website](#) to learn more about how to get involved.

Faculty Awards

The Faculty Senate Office is soliciting nominations for five Faculty Senate Awards through May 1, 2023. Awards are available in the areas of faculty governance, distinguished public service, and librarians. Please visit the [Faculty Senate Office website](#) for details.

SACUA Update

SACUA discussed four proposals that represent a range of options for the University Senate restructuring (1. Representatives; 2. Senate Expansion; 3. Restructuring Faculty Governance to Mirror Administrative Leadership; 4. A Multi-Branch Collective Senate) and voted (7-2) on presenting the slate of [four proposals](#) to the Senate Assembly to vote on the most favorable models among these, to be followed by a vote on the favored model against no change in April.

SACUA discussed and passed a [conflict of interest statement](#) for SACUA membership while holding certain university leadership positions. SACUA also discussed about processes for moving programs from one unit to another. SACUA hosted the GEO president and vice president for them to share their platform with SACUA and shared their update at its March 13 meeting. At its March 27 meeting, SACUA met with guests from Wolverine Wellness to learn about the Wellbeing Collective and the Faculty Well-being Network. SACUA also met with Provost McCauley, and it began looking at an implementing resolution for faculty senate restructuring.

Senate Assembly Meeting Summary

In the March meeting, SA hosted President Ono. Three SA members presented topics on the role of the Faculty Senate in the university, faculty retention and recruitment, and support for faculty childcare. President Ono also addressed the SA and had questions and answers.

Senate Assembly voted on new SACUA members. We had a slate of eleven candidates, and Vilma Mesa, Professor, Education, Heather O'Malley, Assistant Research Scientist, Medical School, and Ya Sha (Alex) Yi, Professor, Engineering, UM-Dearborn were elected to three-year terms. New SACUA members will begin on May 1, 2023. Congratulations to Professors Mesa, O'Malley, and Yi.

Senate Assembly discussed the four proposals presented to them and did a ranked choice vote on the four proposals. The proposal on Senate Expansion was the most favored proposal. An implementing resolution will be drafted based on this model and presented to the SA for a vote in the April meeting. If the resolution passes, a full senate meeting will be called for mid-May.

Senate Assembly Looking Ahead:

In April, SA will host Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Geoff Chatas for a visit. SA will vote on the favored senate restructuring model against no change in April.

Vision 2034 is underway. The Faculty Senate Office will host a focus group with SA and SA Committee Chairs with the Strategic Visioning Process team on April 14 to discuss the strategic visions for U-M.

Faculty Senate Looking Ahead:

Depending on the outcome of the SA vote on senate restructuring in April, a full Faculty Senate meeting may be held in mid-May. The Administration Evaluation Committee (AEC) survey is out. Please plan on taking part in this important survey (only takes a few minutes) and exercise your voice in improving administrative leadership.

Committee Volunteers

I want to encourage you to consider volunteering for a SA Committee in the upcoming academic year. We have 11 committees with advisory roles to executive officers and 7 other committees that address matters important to the faculty. Serving on SA committees is a way to contribute to the university and connect with colleagues from other units. They will enrich your experience as a

faculty member at Michigan – much like how undergraduate students join clubs and societies to enrich their educational experience. Please see the [Faculty Senate Office website](#) for more information about the committees. The interest form has been sent out and can be found [here](#). The deadline is March 31, 2023.

Contact your SA Representative

Please feel free to reach out to your SA representatives if you have any questions, concerns, or feedback! The roster is available on the [Faculty Senate Office website](#).

GEO Negotiations

You can find information and update on GEO negotiations [here](#) and [here](#).

SACUA In the News

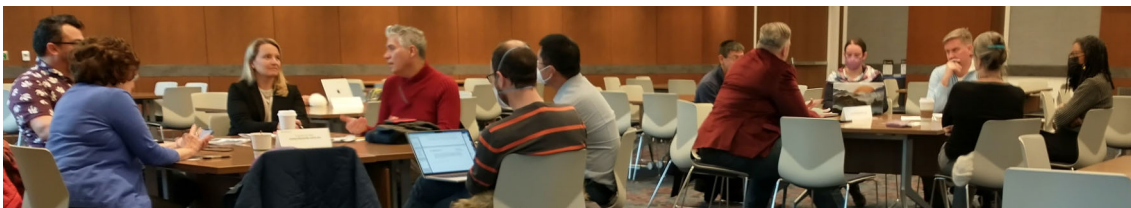
[Eleven faculty members seeking three SACUA seats](#), by Katie Kelton, *University Record*, March 13, 2023

[Two SACUA seats decided after election; third requires runoff](#), by Katie Kelton, *University Record*, March 22, 2023

[Senate Assembly hears from Santa Ono and initiates SACUA elections](#), by Ji Hoon Choi, *Michigan Daily*, March 21, 2023

[Heather O'Malley elected to SACUA in tie-breaker runoff vote](#), by Katie Kelton, *University Record*, March 24, 2023

[Ono says he looks forward to regular input from faculty](#), by Katie Kelton, *University Record*, March 21, 2023



Faculty provide feedback to the Prevention Education, Assistance & Resources (PEAR) team at in-person and zoom breakout groups at the January 23 SA meeting.

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