

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:

- Continued a multitude of committee scheduling, agenda, and minute taking tasks.
- Continued performing various website updating tasks.
- Assisted with a joint meeting of the FAAC-DAC regarding the university endowment. Scheduled a follow-up meeting of the FAAC with EVP Chatas to discuss a pending Senate Assembly divestment resolution. EVP Chatas will be joining the Senate Assembly to discuss the resolution, and he is seeking his committee's advice.
- Began preparations for receiving this year's faculty award submissions.
- Added a suggested syllabus insert received from the CEW+ to the Faculty Senate website resources page. The insert involves suggested language in support of student caregivers.
- Created a form that may be used in the coming weeks to help match faculty interested in forming interdisciplinary research teams. The FSO will be reaching out the SA members to share the form before the February SA meeting, when the OVPR "Bold Challenges" team will be presenting on support for interdisciplinary research teams.
- Began organizing work for the next academic year of the Faculty Senate, including by doing the following:
 - Creating a nominations form for serving on a committee next year as a member or chair and emailing the form to all faculty currently active in the Faculty Senate.
 - Emailing all outgoing SACUA and SA members about their service this year on the SA nominations committee.
 - Began confirming outgoing SACUA and SA member interest in serving on this year's SACUA nominating committee.
 - Began planning for a Winter term luncheon for all committee and Senate Assembly members.

FSO Director Activities

- 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 autonomous collective functioning without a chair (or, alternatively, as a committee in which every member is an equal chair).
- Organized an upcoming meeting of SACUA's newly appointed Assistant Faculty Grievance Monitors to meet with SACUA's Faculty Grievance Monitor.
- Shared information with LEO regarding the Faculty Senate's efforts regarding anti-caste discrimination.

- Assisted SACUA and the SACUA Chair with finalizing and distributing a SACUA statement in support of tenure at UM-Flint, including by obtaining permission to have the statement run in the *Record*.
- With the SACUA Chair, SACUA Vice Chair, RAC Chair, and RAC SACUA liason, met with the OVPR “Bold Challenges” team to coordinate regarding collaboration between the Faculty Senate and OVPR.
- With the SACUA Chair, met with the Academic HR leadership team that manages faculty grievance cases to explore possible improvements.
- Met with the AAAC Chair, some members of the AAAC, some faculty with expertise in disability studies, and administration officials from the Provost’s Office and OGC. The meeting was to discuss revisions of four SPGs to better support individuals with disabilities and/or medical conditions.
- With the SACUA Chair, met with the ECRT leadership.
- Began assisting the SACUA Chair with exploration of a potential February event related to Israel and Gaza.
- Drafted a letter for the FSO to send to the units that elect members to the Senate Assembly. The letter provides updated information regarding Senate Assembly elections, such as each unit’s number of open seats and information about revised eligibility, following a recent Faculty Senate expansion.
- With the SACUA Chair, attended a special meeting of the Board of Regents at which the board approve a new statement of “University of Michigan Principles on Diversity of Thought and Freedom of Expression.”
- With the SACUA Chair, met with the Provost’s Office to discuss the FSO’s submitted annual budget.
- Due to an unexpected illness of the SRAC chair, facilitated an SRAC meeting.
- With the DMN Chairs, confirmed with the 2024-2025 DMN speaker, Judith Butler, a date for the DMN of November 14, 2024.
- Drafted a new SOP related to SACUA’s responsibilities under Regent’s Bylaw Section 5.09, and updated the roster of the Standing Judicial Committee created by Sec. 5.09 for submission to SACUA for approval.
- Researched issues involving a recent change to faculty retiree health benefits.
- Assisted the SACUA Chair in various meetings.
- Assisted SA committee chairs in various meetings.
- Assisted SACUA, the SACUA Chair, and faculty members with various grievance system issues.

SACUA Actions

Between meetings, SACUA has performed the following actions that should be included in the SACUA minutes:

- On December 18, 2023, SACUA electronically voted to approve the following as Assistant Faculty Grievance Monitors, with terms ending on April 30, 2025:
 - Jennifer Griggs, Medical School
 - Silke Weineck, LSA
 - Donald Likosky, Medical School
 - Scott Masten, Ross School of Business