To: SACUA

From: Luke McCarthy, Director, Faculty Senate Office

Subject: Director’s Report on Faculty Senate Office Activities

Date: February 2, 2024

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 the FAAC in organizing an ad hoc meeting to discuss a pending Senate Assembly divestment resolution.
● Assisted the DMN Chairs in the logistics of planning two supplemental panel discussions to occur this term.
● Assisted with the logistics of a planned luncheon for Senate Assembly committee and Senate Assembly members, plus executive officers.

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).
● With SACUA Chair and SACUA member Heather O’Malley, attended a meeting of the Working Group on Public Health with Chief Health Officer Rob Ernst.
● Attended a meeting of the staff budget engagement committee.
● Had conversations with the Chair of the CESWF, the Assistant Vice President for Employee Benefits and Well-being Services, and retirees regarding recent changes to retiree health benefits.
● Continued efforts to receive nominations for SACUA and for the Senate Assembly’s committees.
● Assisted with the first meeting of SACUA’s newly appointed Assistant Faculty Grievance Monitors to begin working with SACUA’s Faculty Grievance Monitor.
● Attended a training session on strategies to prevent workplace issues and retaliation.
● Met with the chief of staff for EVP Chatas and his interim executive assistant to discuss FAAC coordination.
● Provided LEO information about the Faculty Senate’s efforts to address caste-based discrimination.
● Assisted various faculty members in formatting written motions they expected to make during a Senate Assembly meeting.
● Coordinated with the Record regarding the future publication of this year’s expected slate of SACUA candidates.
● Assisted the AAAC in potential revisions suggestions for four SPGs.
● Began the process to add a third cubical to the FSO in expectation of a new hire later this term.
• Coordinated with students from SAFE regarding their expected attendance at a Senate Assembly meeting.
• Assisted the SACUA Chair in various meetings.
• Assisted SA committee chairs in various meetings.
• Assisted faculty members with various grievance system issues.

Senate Assembly Actions
Between meetings, the Senate Assembly has performed the following actions that should be included in the Senate Assembly minutes:
• On February 1, 2024, SACUA electronically voted to approve the following outgoing Senate Assembly and SACUA members as this year’s SACUA Nominating Committee:
  o Melanie Schulze Tanielian, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
  o Audrey Bennett, Penny W Stamps School of Art and Design
  o Gabriel Rauterberg, Law School
  o Nicholson Price, Law School
  o Lindsay Admon, Medical School
  o Damani Partridge, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts