

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 the CESWF with an emergency meeting to discuss a recent change to retiree health benefits.
- Assisted the DMNC co-chairs with the logistics for two academic freedom events being planned for this term:
  - 2/21: Academic Freedom and Free Speech: The Palestine Exception
  - 3/25: The China Initiative and Its Aftermath: The Impact on Science and the Academic and Intellectual Freedom on Campus
- Continued work on the logistics of holding a Faculty Senate luncheon for committee members, Senate Assembly members, and executive officers in April 4<sup>th</sup>.

### FSO Director Activities

- Attended a training event on creating a positive work environment.
- With Chair Braun, met with Vice Provost Valeria Bertacco to discuss future nominations to the Military Officer Education Committee.
- Participated in a "Well-Being Influencer" event for the Well-Being Collective.
- With Chair Braun, met with Dearborn Senate Chair Bruce Maxim to discuss recent retiree health benefit changes.
- Participated in multiple meetings about a job posting soon to go live for a new FSO position and about redesigning the FSO workspace to add a new cubicle.
- Discussed recent retiree health benefit changes with administrative officers, retirees, and concerned faculty.
- Assisted the CFEI with reformulated an existing tri-campus faculty fellowship idea as a potential proposal to pitch to President Ono.
- Continued efforts to receive nominations for SACUA and for the Senate Assembly's committees.
- Assisted the SACUA Chair in various meetings.
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- Assisted faculty members with various grievance system issues.