



Secretary of the University Advisory Committee (SAC)

Minutes of Meeting: 12/11/23

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Present: John Pasquale (Chair), Merle Rosenzweig, Linda Zhu, Rashmi Rama, Sally Churchill (VP and Secretary of the University), Joshua Ackerman, Charlie Keldsen, Jonathan Shillingford, Vilma Mesa (SACUA Liaison), Francine Dolins, Muhammad "Nadeem" Aslam, Melissa Levine

Absent: Anne O'Brien

Faculty Senate Office: Eric Vandenberghe

- **Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the October SAC meeting were approved.

VP Churchill was thanked by the Chair and the committee for her years of service to the University. Once she is finished in her current role, she will take on a role as special advisor to the President.

A committee member noted that Angelo's is closing.

- **VP Churchill's report**

Summary: VP Churchill provided her update. It has been a very busy Fall semester. The August IT incident, as well as the conflict in the Middle East are mentioned as issues that have demanded attention. The recent protest that took place at Ruthven on November 17th was discussed with insight into how the events unfolded. The December Regent's meeting was discussed.

The issues regarding the Central Student Government resolutions, AR 13-025 and AR 13-026, were discussed. An overview on the situation was provided, with the timeline reviewed. Faculty voiced their opinions on the communication methods, with many voicing support for more communication provided to the faculty. This has been an area of focus that the Regents and administration have been working to address.

Further discussion on the communications received from the administration, with a point made that the issues that affect students affect faculty.

A discussion regarding public safety took place.

Action: Update and discussion

- **Plan for future meetings**



Summary: Prior to the meeting, the Chair had provided agenda topics for each of the remaining two committee meetings for the remainder of the year. The two meetings were suggested to contain the following agenda items:

2/5/24 - free speech and its many complexities

4/15/24 - Strategic planning for 2034 and 2050 (reactions from committee), matters arising, and next steps as a committee

These topics were accepted by the committee and VP Churchill. It was noted that other time sensitive topics could be discussed.

Action: Discussion

Respectfully submitted,

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