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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs
Monday, February 5, 2024, 3:00
The hybrid meeting was held in 1100 Ruthven and via ZOOM

In Person Attendance: Chair Tom Braun, Vice Chair Damani Partridge, FSO Director Luke McCarthy, Professor Heather O'Malley, Professor Silvia Pedraza
FSO Coordinator Ann Marshall, Secretary Deirdre Spencer

Remote Attendance: Professor Simon Cushing, Professor Allen Liu, Professor Vilma Mesa, Professor Rebekah Modrak, Professor, Professor Alex Yi

Absent: Professor Lindsay Admon

Press: Katie Kelton, *The University Record*
Alyssa Tisch, *The Michigan Daily*

Guests: Provost McCauley and Christine Gerdes, Special Counsel to the Provost

3:00: Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:02pm. The meetings were approved by consent.

3:05: SACUA Chair Update

1. The chair will attend the CSG meeting this Tuesday at 7:30. The CSG chair and vice chair will visit SACUA and Senate Assembly as well.
2. The Faculty Senate Office is receiving numerous emails from students, alumni, and parents about how individual faculty voted on the recent Senate Assembly resolution related to Israel. As is the standard practice, no record exists of how individual faculty voted.

3:10: Faculty Sanctions

SACUA continued work on recommendations related to faculty sanctions.

Executive Session

3:30: Provost McCauley and Christine Gerdes, Special Counsel to the Provost

4:00: Post-Guest Debrief

4:15: Matters Arising

1. SACUA members have received several healthcare emails from retirees from U-M Dearborn about concerns from a recent change from a Medicare

Supplemental plan to a Medicare Advantage plan. The CESWF (Committee on Social Well-being of the Faculty) is considering the issue. Luke is working to meet with HR regarding this issue. Time is of the essence.

2. A recent Wall Street Journal opinion piece entitled "Welcome to Dearborn, America's Jihad Capital" has sparked concerns about Islamophobia. Chair Braun will reach out to Provost Scarlatta at UM-Dearborn about the concern.

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 4:50

Respectfully Submitted,

Deirdre D. Spencer

University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 5.02:
Governing Bodies in Schools and Colleges
Sec. 4.01 The University Senate

"...[t]he Senate is authorized to consider any subject pertaining to the interests of the university, and to make recommendations to the Board of Regents in regard thereto. Decisions of the University Senate with respect to matters within its jurisdiction shall constitute the binding action of the university faculties. Jurisdiction over academic polices shall reside in the faculties of the various schools and colleges, but insofar as actions by the several faculties affect university policy as a whole, or schools and colleges other than the one in which they originate, they shall be brought before the University Senate."

Rules of the University Senate, the Senate Assembly and the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs:

Senate: "In all cases not covered by rules adopted by the Senate, the procedure in Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed."

Assembly: "The Assembly may adopt rules for the transaction of its business. In appropriate cases not covered by rules of the Assembly, the rules of the University Senate shall apply."

SACUA: "The committee may adopt rules for the transaction of its business."