

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 DMNC co-chairs with the logistics for two academic freedom events:
 - 2/21: Academic Freedom and Free Speech: The Palestine Exception
 - This event was a success, with a great panel discussion. Attendance was around 50-60 in the room and 130 online.
 - 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 on April 4th.
- Collaborated with the *Record* on an upcoming article on this year's slate of SACUA candidates.
- Began reviewing applicants for a new position in the FSO.

FSO Director Activities

- Discussed recent retiree health benefit changes with administrative officers, retirees, and concerned faculty.
- Presented at a meeting of the Librarians' Forum on the role of the Faculty Senate Office.
- Assisted the CFEI with reformulating an existing tri-campus faculty fellowship idea as a potential proposal to pitch to President Ono. Reached out to ADVANCE to discuss it as a possible future collaboration with the CFEI.
- Assisted the AEC in the upcoming launch of the annual administrator evaluation.
- Assisted the SACUA Chair in various meetings.
- Assisted SACUA and the SACUA Chair with various 5.09-related issues.
- Assisted the SACUA Nominating Committee in approving this year's slate of SACUA candidates.
- Assisted SA committee chairs in various meetings.
- Assisted 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 February 20, 2024, SACUA approved a letter to Provost McCauley, President Ono, and the Members of the Board of Regents regarding the need for more sanctions of faculty to be processed as 5.09 demotion cases.