



Minutes February 19, 2024
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Faculty Senate
Monday, February 19, 2024, 3:15
The hybrid meeting was held at University Hall 2000 Ruthven

Virtual attendees: Lindsay Admon, Chris Aplin-Snider, Sue Anne Bell, Audrey Bennett, Jonathan Brennan, Jade Burns, Deepa Butoliya, Amy Cheng, Meghan Courtney, Simon Cushing, Keith Duncan, Allison Earl (alternate), Jon Estrada (alternate), Terri Friedline, Seth Guikema, Gary Hammer, Brendan Haug, Sarah Hawley, Ingrid Hendy, Yihe Huang, Stefanus Jasin, Inderjit Kaur, Carolyn Kuranz, Corey Lester, Yongqing Li, Shahzad Mian, Rebekah Modrak, Mojtaba Navvab, Mukesh Nyati, Heather O'Malley, Phillip Palmbo, Jessica Pasquale, Derek Peterson, Nicholson Price, Harmony Reppond, Alexander Rickard, Joel Scheuher, Suzanne Selig (nonvoting), Sara Soderstrom, Quentin Stout, Melanie Tanielian, Kentaro Toyama, Elizabeth Viglianti, Craig Wilkins, Alex Yi, Jason Young, Bradley Zebrack, Robert Ziff, Paul Zimmerman.

In-person attendees: Tom Braun, Kelsey Ebbs (nonvoting, guest), Paul Fossum (nonvoting, Parliamentarian) Johannes Foufopoulos, Meera Herle (nonvoting, guest), Jill Jividen (nonvoting, guest), Arthur Lupia (nonvoting, guest), Ann Marshall (nonvoting, FSO), Luke McCarthy (nonvoting, FSO), Vilma Mesa, Damani Partridge, Silvia Pedraza, Bipasha Ray (nonvoting, guest), Deirdre Spencer (nonvoting, Secretary), Eric Vandenberghe (nonvoting, FSO).

Invited Guests:

Bold Challenges Guests

Arthur Lupia, Associate Vice President for Research, Large-Scale Strategies,
Jill Jividen, Senior Director of Research Development, and Kelsey Ebbs, Assistant
Director for Bold Challenges

Central Student Government Guests

President Meera Herle and Vice President Bipasha Ray

Press:

Katherine Kelton, *University Record*
Michelle Ruixin Liao, *Michigan Daily*
Ananya Kedia, *Michigan Daily*
Alexis Spector: *The Michigan Daily*

3:15 Call to Order, Minutes, and Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 3:18.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved by consent.

3:20 SACUA Chair Update

1. At the January meeting two resolutions were approved. One requested that the university divest from companies that “invest in Israel’s ongoing military



- campaign in Gaza.” The other resolution supports the Central Student Government’s right to conduct their own elections without interference from the administration.
2. President Ono and Provost McCauley acknowledged receipt of the resolutions, and the Secretary of the University, Sally Churchill also acknowledged that the Regents had received the resolutions. There has been no other communication from the administration regarding the resolutions.
 3. A vigil for Ukraine was being held this evening from 4:15-5:15. Carillon music will accompany the event from 5-5:15. Also, from 5:30-7 the former Ukrainian press secretary will be speaking at Rackham.
 4. Senate Assembly members Anouck Girard and Sara Soderstrom received Thurnau Professorships for distinguished undergraduate teaching.

3:30 Bold Challenges 2023 – 2024 Program announcement February 20th

Dr. Arthur Lupia, Associate Vice President for Research and Director of the [Bold Challenges](#) Initiative, addressed the Senate Assembly, beginning with a detailed description of the goals and objectives of the program and how it functions.

4:00 Central Student Government Guests: President Meera Herle and Vice President Bipasha Ray

Meera Herle and Bipasha Ray addressed the assembly regarding Central Student Government and their activities.

4:30 Resolution on Academic Freedom and External Harassment -- 2 Votes

SACUA approved a resolution regarding academic freedom and external harassment, and submitted that resolution to the consideration of the Senate Assembly. The Senate Assembly received that approved resolution for consideration. During discussion, there was a motion to amend the resolution, which was seconded, to revise the content in response to recent announcements made by the Provost at a Regents’ meeting last week. After discussion, the amendment was approved by unanimous consent. The Resolution on Academic Freedom and External Harassment, as amended, was also approved by unanimous consent.

4:50 Matters Arising – Disappointment was expressed that the Regents did not raise the issue of the resolutions that we recommended at the Regents meeting. Concern was expressed that the report of the resolutions regarding CSG voting and divesting from Israel interests, did not appropriately convey to the Regents the position of the faculty. There was also disapproval expressed that the Regents had not yet responded to the resolutions. The chair enumerated the steps followed to send the information to the appropriate members of the administration, including the Regents.

5:00 Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 4:55

Respectfully Submitted,



Deirdre D. Spencer
Secretary

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, the Senate Assembly electronically voted to approve the following outgoing Senate Assembly and SACUA members as this year's SACUA Nominating Committee:
 - Melanie Schulze Tanielian, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
 - Audrey Bennett, Penny W Stamps School of Art and Design
 - Gabriel Rauterberg, Law School
 - Nicholson Price, Law School
 - Lindsay Admon, Medical School
 - Damani Partridge, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

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 policies 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."