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**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**  
**Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs**  
**Monday, February 12, 2024, 3:00**  
**The hybrid meeting was held in 1100 Ruthven and via ZOOM**

**In-person attendance:** Chair Tom Braun, Professor Vilma Mesa, FSO Director Luke McCarthy, Coordinator Eric Vandenberghe, Secretary Deirdre Spencer

**Remote attendance:** Vice Chair Damani Partridge, Professor Lindsay Admon, Professor Simon Cushing, Professor Allen Liu, Professor Rebekah Modrak, Heather O'Malley, Silvia Pedraza, Professor Alex Yi

**Press:** Katie Kelton – *University Record*  
Alexis Spector – *Michigan Daily*

**Guests: Flint Faculty Members:** Senate Council Chair, Marilyn Filter  
Secretary/ Chair-Elect Phil Longstreet

**3:00: Call to Order – Approval of the Minutes.** The meeting was called to order at 3:04. The minutes were approved by consent.

**3:05 SACUA Chair Update --**

1. The faculty sanctions document is nearly complete. Between meetings, SACUA will vote electronically to approve the final version.
2. The regents' meeting is this Thursday, February 15 at 4:00 in University Hall.
3. Chair Braun and Vice Chair Partridge and are on the President's Council and they will attend a meeting tomorrow morning. On the agenda are GenAI, presented by Vice President Ravi Pendse, the freedom of speech document presented by the Vice President of the Office of the General Counsel, Tim Lynch, and representatives from the Inclusive History Project.

**3:10 Resolution on Academic Freedom and External Harassment ----- Vote**

1. The Academic Affairs Advisory Committee provided us with a document for consideration on academic freedom and external harassment at the upcoming Senate Assembly meeting. Their hope is for a vote on it before the break. The document was edited during the meeting.
2. There was a motion and second to vote to accept the resolution as revised. The motion was approved.

**3:30 Guests: Flint Faculty**

**4:00: Visitor Debrief**

**Executive Session**

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**4:10 Senate Assembly Agenda Approval**

**Vote**

There was a motion and second to approve the Senate Assembly agenda as is, and it was unanimously approved.

**4:15 Matters Arising –**

1. The Faculty Senate Office is looking for a third person in the Faculty Senate Office. There will be a job posting this week. He will share the position description with SACUA in case we know someone.
2. There is a DMNC event scheduled February 21<sup>st</sup> on academic freedom and free speech. The event is part of a new series of events smaller than the annual DMN Lecture that will further consider academic and intellectual freedom issues.

**The meeting adjourned at 4:39pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Deirdre D. Spencer  
Secretary

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."