

To: SACUA

From: Luke McCarthy, Director, Faculty Senate Office

Subject: Director's Report on Faculty Senate Office Activities

Date: April 5, 2024

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.
- With the assistance of Michigan Media, produced and posted to [YouTube](#) a video of the recent 3/25/24 DMN lecture event. "The China Initiative and Its Aftermath: The Impact on Science and Academic and Intellectual Freedom on Campus."
- Continued assisting the AEC with the annual evaluation survey of administrators.
- Hosted a Faculty Senate luncheon for committee members, Senate Assembly members, and executive officers on April 4th.
- Worked with Development to launch a new crowdfunding page in support of a donation drive for the U-M Faculty Undergraduate Scholarship: <https://myumi.ch/DrrrQ>
- Continued assisting committee chairs with preparing final committee reports.
- Assisted faculty members with questions / concerns related to this year's faculty awards.

FSO Director Activities

- Continued interviewing applicants for a new FSO position.
- Assisted the DMNC with discussions of a possible print publication supplement to the lecture.
- Assisted the AAAC with reviews of four SPG's for possible ableism or other impacts on people with disabilities.
- Engaged in discussions to ensure the continued U-M Alumni Association funding of the Faculty Senate's Distinguished Faculty Governance Award.
- Assisted the Senate Assembly Nominations Committee with chair nominations for next year.
- Assisted the SACUA Chair in various meetings.
- Assisted SACUA and the SACUA Chair with various 5.09-related issues and meetings.
- Reviewed a proposed "Disruptive Activity Policy" and submitted feedback.
- 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 April 1, 2024, SACUA approved the final draft of a letter detailing concerns about the use of course recordings as part of a required and ongoing administrative review of a faculty member's classes.

- SACUA had received a recommendation from the Rules, Practices, and Policies (RPP) in the RPP's 2022-2023 final report that it be made a standing committee of the Senate Assembly. SACUA approved the recommendation on April 5, 2024. The question will now be referred to the Senate Assembly for consideration.