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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Senate Assembly

Monday, March 18, 2024, 3:15

The hybrid meeting was held in University Hall, Ruthven, Room 2000 and remotely via Zoom.

Katie Kelton – *University Record*

Alexis Jade Spector – *Michigan Daily*

In-person attendees: Jonathan Brennan, Meghan Courtney, James Gulvas (nonvoting, guest), Vania Hinkovska-Galcheva (nonvoting, guest), Nicolai Lehnert (nonvoting, guest), Ann Marshall (nonvoting, FSO), Luke McCarthy (nonvoting, FSO), Damani Partridge, Silvia Pedraza, Andre Monteiro da Rocha, Deirdre Spencer (nonvoting, Secretary), Melanie Tanielian (nonvoting, guest), Eric Vandenberghe (nonvoting, FSO). Virtual attendees: Mark Allison, Sue Anne Bell, Audrey Bennett, Sybil Biermann, Amanda Brown, Helen Burgess, Jade Burns, Allen Burton, Deepa Butoliya, Rogerio Castilho, Amy I-Lin Cheng, Clifford Cho, Simon Cushing, Shevon Desai (nonvoting, guest), Daniel Drake, Robert Keith Duncan, Allison Earl (alternate), Paul Fossum (nonvoting), Johannes Foufopoulos, Terri Friedline, Anouck Girard, Brendan Haug, Sarah Hawley, Ingrid Hendy, Yihe Huang, Stefanus Jasin, Inderjit Kaur, Shake Ketefian (nonvoting), Yasmina Laouar (nonvoting, guest), Yongqing Li, Brian Love, Vilma Mesa, Shahzad Mian, Rebekah Modrak, Karin Murasaki, Jennifer Nason (nonvoting, guest), Mojtaba Navvab, Vitalina Nova (nonvoting, guest), Heather O'Malley, Phillip Palmbo, Jessica Pasquale, Pamela Pennock, Derek Peterson, Nicholson Price, Soumya Rangarajan (nonvoting, guest), Harmony Reppond, Alexander Rickard, Merle Rosenzweig (nonvoting, guest), Kimberly Saks, Joel Mathieu Scheuher, Suzanne Selig (nonvoting), Christina Snider, Sara Soderstrom, Quentin Stout, Kentaro Toyama, John Traynor, Elizabeth Viglianti, Sarah Vordenberg, Craig Wilkins, Alex Yi, Jason Young, Bradley Zebrack, Robert Ziff, Paul Zimmerman.

Press:

Katherine Kelton, *University Record*

Alexis Spector, *Michigan Daily*

3:15 -- Call to Order, Minutes, and Announcements ---

The meeting was called to order at 3:17.

The minutes from the February 19th meeting were approved by consent.

3:20 -- Senate Assembly Chair Update ---

1. Under discussion today would be the use of Lecture Capture, and the recording of



- what faculty do in the classroom.
2. Candidates for SACUA will speak, making the case for why they should be elected to serve.
 3. The chair encouraged us to respond to the U-M campus climate survey on sex and gender that was randomly distributed to faculty, student and staff.
 4. The DMN Lecture Committee has scheduled two additional events in addition to the annual DMN lecture. On February 21st was the event entitled “Academic Freedom: the Palestine Exception” On March 25th the “China Initiative and Its Aftermath” will take place at 6-7:30 in Weiser Hall.
 5. We have asked for an updated salary study. The provost is moving forward on it. The study is confined to the Ann Arbor tenure track faculty (excluding Michigan Medicine). This survey duplicates the two earlier surveys. At a later time we hope to see similar surveys at Flint and Dearborn. Two Economics Department faculty experts will lead the effort. Not all faculty have yet responded to invitations to serve on the faculty advising committee.
 6. SACUA has also been working on “What is considered a demotion or sanction.” If a demotion is under consideration, it falls under Regent’s bylaws 5.09. We need to know more about oversight on how sanctions and demotions are instituted.
 7. Faculty, students and staff from all campus will serve on a committee to address U-M Diversity of Thought and Freedom of Expression. 42 members were announced in last week’s *Record*. Former SACUA Chairs Colleen Conway, Allen Liu, and Tom Braun were included.

3:30 -- Policies for Recording Classes ---

Part of COVID was the requirement to record lectures. We are now 4 years away from COVID and we don’t know what the rules are now.

CSG wants Lecture Capture to be mandatory, but we are not sure that we should agree.

Chair Tom Braun performed a quick survey of members in the meeting to obtain information on whether or not departments and schools require their faculty to record their lectures and who sees them.

1. Does your dean or chair require that you record?
8% Yes, 71% No or 21% Don’t Know
 2. Should be required to record their lectures and classroom interactions?
2% yes, 70% no, 27% in some circumstances.
 3. If you DO record, and post to Canvas your in-class lectures and classroom, who has access to the recordings?
67% Students, 4% staff academic advisors, 14% other faculty members, 15% department or school administrators
 4. Should recordings of in-person lectures and classroom interactions be accessible for further assessment or evaluation by department or school administrators?
2% yes, 64% no, 33% in some circumstances
- Comments and Questions:**

4:00 -- SACUA Candidacy: Nominations from the Floor ---

No nominations for SACUA Candidates were received from the floor.



4:05 -- SACUA Candidate Statements --- Vote after the Meeting ---

This year's slate includes has 10 candidates. The candidates provided short remarks regarding their candidacy for the consideration of the Senate Assembly. Information about the candidates was also published in the *Record* on March 11, 2024:

<https://record.umich.edu/articles/ten-faculty-members-seeking-three-seats-on-sacua/>

The ballot will be available electronically from 5:30 today to 5:30 Wednesday, with members able to vote for 4 names. Whichever 3 candidates received the most votes will be elected to SACUA, subject to SACUA's composition requirements.

4:45 -- Matters Arising ---

Discussions about lecture recording continued.

A member advocated for a policy informing pedestrians about safely crossing the street on North Campus.

5:00 – Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 4:43.

ADDENDUM

Senate Assembly Actions

Between meetings, the Senate Assembly has performed the following actions that should be included in the Senate Assembly minutes:

- On March 20, 2024, the Senate Assembly elected by electronic vote the following faculty to join SACUA for three-year terms beginning on May 1st:
 - Melanie S. Tanielian, Associate Professor of History, Director of the Program in International and Comparative Studies, LSA
 - Derek R. Peterson, Ali Mazrui Collegiate Professor of History and African Studies, Professor of History and of Afroamerican and African studies, LSA
 - Soumya Rangarajan, Clinical Assistant Professor, Division of Geriatric and Palliative Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, Michigan Medicine

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."