![M SACUA Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs, University of Michigan]

Minutes: April 22, 2024
Circulated: April 26, 2024
Approved: April 29, 2024

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs
Monday, April 22, 2024, 3:00pm
The hybrid meeting was held in 1100 Ruthven and via Zoom

In-Person Attendance: Chair Tom Braun, Professor Lindsay Admon, Professor Heather O'Malley, Professor Silvia Pedraza, FSO Director Luke McCarthy, FSO Coordinator Eric Vandenberghe

Remote Attendance: Vice Chair Damani Partridge, Professor Simon Cushing, Professor Vilma Mesa, Professor Rebekah Modrak, Professor Alex Yi

Absent: Secretary Deirdre Spencer, Professor Allen Liu

Guests:

Regent Denise Ilitch

SACUA-elect Professor Derek Peterson
SACUA-elect Professor Soumya Rangarajan
SACUA-elect Professor Melanie Tanielian

Press: Katie Kelton, *University Record*
    Libby Stafford, *Michigan Daily*

3:00pm- Come to Order and Minutes Approval

The meeting was called to order at 3:03pm. The minutes from the 4/8/24 meeting were approved by consent.

The SACUA-elect members introduced themselves and joined the meeting as observers.

3:05pm- SACUA Chair Update

- Chair Braun, Vice Chair Partridge, and FSO Director McCarthy met with President Ono at his residence. Per President Ono, the draft of the Disruptive Activity Policy previously proposed is not under consideration for implementation at this time. It was confirmed that artificial intelligence will be one method used for reviewing the comments received regarding this draft policy. AI is not the only method that will be used for reviewing this, and each comment will be read. General Counsel Tim Lynch's office is charged with reviewing the comments.
- At the meeting with President Ono, discussion there was a discussion about Vision 2034 and the Year of Democracy and Civic Engagement. The President said a committee will be formed to help plan the Year of Democracy and Civic

Engagement series. SACUA will have an opportunity to nominate faculty to that committee.
- The upcoming graduation ceremonies were discussed.

3:10pm- Pre-Guest Discussion:

Chair Braun opened the floor for recommendations for topics for the imminent meeting with Regent Ilitch. Suggested topics included:

- How to improve faculty governance correspondence and engagement with the Regents.
  - A member noted how there had been prior dinners with SACUA and the Regents that helped build comradery. It was suggested that this could be something to pursue moving forward.
- The 5.09 process
- Having faculty and student governance represented officially on the Board of Regents
- An open discussion on divestment
- Aligning the values of faculty governance and the Regents; indicating that we all want what is best for the university
- The current situation at UM-Flint

3:30pm- Regent Ilitch --- Executive Session

4:00pm- SOP Review

The FSO Director reintroduced three standard operating procedure documents for SACUA review. These three files had been brought up at a prior SACUA meeting. Any approved SOPs will be posted on the Faculty Senate website over the summer. The importance of codifying rules implemented by SACUA and the Senate Assembly was explained.

- SOP: Committee Transparency

This proposed SOP incorporates SACUA and Senate Assembly actions related to confidential committee discussions.

Motion: Lindsay Admon motions for this SOP to be approved as written
Seconded: Tom Braun offers a second for this motion

The motion passes unanimously, and the SOP is adopted.

- SOP: Handling Endorsement Requests Received by SACUA

This is a proposed minor change to the procedures of an existing SOP in which SACUA does not endorse statements made by outside groups, but rather crafts their own statement if necessary to the related topic.

After discussion, this proposed change was tabled. The current SOP language remains in effect.

- SOP: SACUA Nominations to University Committees SOP

This SOP is proposing alteration to an existing SOP regarding faculty nominations. The proposed changes provide the Faculty Senate Office with an updated timeline of submitting the nominations to reflect the reality of gathering such nominations. Language was also added describing a process by which SACUA could optionally receive candidate statements for appointments.

During the discussion, Heather O'Malley suggested that a footnote be added to clarify that the days listed in parentheses throughout the document are the minimum working days expected to be needed to complete a particular step in the process.

Motion: Lindsay Admon motions for this SOP to be approved with the revision suggested by Heather O'Malley
Seconded: Tom Braun offers a second for this motion

The motion passes unanimously, and the SOP is adopted.

4:15pm- Matters Arising

- Lindsay Admon is given a gift of gratitude for her service on SACUA, as this will be her final in-person meeting as a member. She is planning to continue her work on faculty governance and has been nominated as the CFEI Chair. She is thanked for her service to faculty governance.
- Chair nominations are discussed. It is noted that there are currently no nominations for chairs of COAA, CAC, and CESWF. Other chair nominations need to be reviewed by the nominating committee, and then reviewed by SACUA.
- Senate Assembly recruitment is discussed.

4:45pm Adjourn—The meeting adjourned at 4:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Vandenberghe
Faculty Governance Coordinator

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."