

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION
Items for Information**

SUBJECT: March 2024 Faculty Governance Update

Overview of items discussed:

1. SACUA
2. Senate Assembly

1. SACUA:

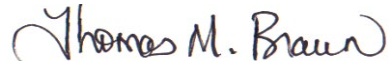
- On February 5, 2024, SACUA continued its work drafting a document to define faculty sanctions that SACUA feels are demotions, and therefore, should have to be evaluated formally by the process outlined in Regents' Bylaw 5.09. Note that a final draft of this document was later approved unanimously by SACUA via vote outside of our scheduled meetings. This document, outlining demotions as well as a request for further discussion, was then emailed to Provost Laurie McCauley, President Santa Ono, and the Board of Regents, through Vice President and Secretary Sally Churchill, on March 5, 2024. Provost Laurie McCauley and Special Counsel to the Provost Christine Gerdes then joined SACUA for 30 minutes to discuss emerging issues.
- On February 12, 2024, SACUA reviewed and edited a proposed resolution forwarded by the Academic Affairs Advisory Committee (AAAC) focused on requests to UM administration regarding Academic Freedom and External Harassment. SACUA then voted unanimously to approve the resolution and bring it forward to the Senate Assembly. SACUA then was visited by faculty members of UM-Flint to discuss two emerging issues on their campus: (i) the implementation of the Flex modality design for courses at the School of Management, and (ii) summary salary determinations for UM-Flint faculty who teach summer courses.
- On March 4, 2024, SACUA began developing a statement expressing concerns about the Flex modality design being used at the UM-Flint School of Management. President Santa Ono then joined SACUA for 30 minutes to discuss emerging issues.

2. SENATE ASSEMBLY:

- On February 19, 2024, the Senate Assembly met with Arthur Lupia, Associate Vice-President for Research, to discuss Bold Challenges. Dr. Lupia presented slides outlining the current and future initiatives planned for Bold Challenges and then addressed questions from Senate Assembly members. Senate Assembly then met with Central Student Government (CSG) President, Meera Herle, and Vice President, Bipasha Ray. Herle and Ray presented slides outlining the structure of CSG, the activities supported by CSG, and the recent resolutions approved by CSG. There was also a discussion of the recently cancelled CSG vote. The meeting concluded with discussion of Resolution #2192024, "Resolution on Academic

Freedom and External Harassment.” There was an amendment to modify the language in the resolution and reflect the recent announcement from the UM-Ann Arbor Provost’s Office about resources now available to faculty. The Senate Assembly unanimously approved the resolution as amended.

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