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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs
Monday, April 29, 2024, 3:00pm
The hybrid meeting was held in 1100 Ruthven and via Zoom

In-Person Attendance: Chair Tom Braun, Vice Chair Damani Partridge, Professor Heather O'Malley, Professor Vilma Mesa, Professor Silvia Pedraza, FSO Director Luke McCarthy, FSO Coordinator Ann Marshall

Remote Attendance: Professor Simon Cushing, Professor Rebekah Modrak, Professor Alex Yi

Absent: Professor Lindsay Admon, Secretary Deirdre Spencer, Professor Allen Liu

Guests:

Regent Paul Brown

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

Press: Katie Kelton, *University Record*
Edra Timmerman, *Michigan Daily*

3:00pm- Come to Order and Minutes Approval

The meeting was called to order at 3:03pm. The minutes from the 4/22/24 meeting were approved by consent.

3:05pm- SACUA Chair Update

- Tom Braun remarked that this SACUA meeting is his last as SAUCA Chair. Tom Braun and Damani Partridge's final responsibilities as Chair and Vice Chair will be for their respective roles at the May 4th 2024 Spring Commencement at Michigan Stadium and the May 3rd Rackham Graduate Exercises.

3:10pm- CESWF Retiree Health Benefits Recommendations

SACUA reviewed recommendations received from the CESWF regarding a 2024 change to retiree health benefits. The recommendations are in letter to be sent to Geoff Chatas, Executive VP and CFO, and Brian Vasher, Assistant VP, HR Employee Benefits and Well-being Services. SACUA began reviewing the recommendations and making revisions, but SACUA's review was not completed before the 3:30 guest arrived and was tabled for latter in the meeting.

3:30pm- Regent Paul Brown --- Executive Session

- The 3:30-4:00 p.m. Executive Session was extended until 4:35 pm

4:35pm- Outgoing SACUA Member Remarks & Appreciation

- Tom Braun expressed appreciation for Damani Partridge and Silvia Pedraza's SACUA service, and both Damani and Silvia offered gratitude and received their SACUA appreciation gifts.
- The 2024-2025 SACUA will meet for the first time on May 6th in the University Hall Conference Room (Ruthven 2010). Meaghan Blanchard will also begin as the new FSO Operations Lead on May 6th.

4:40pm- Matters Arising & CESWF Retiree Health Benefits Recommendations

- SACUA returned to its discussion of the CESWF recommendations regarding the recent change to retiree health benefits. Discussion ended at 4:55 pm due to quorum concerns as members needed to leave. Further discussion of the draft letter was tabled to a future SACUA meeting.

Adjourn—The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Marshall
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

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SACUA: "The committee may adopt rules for the transaction of its business."