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**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**  
**Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs**

Monday, May 6, 2024, 4:00

The Hybrid meeting was held in Ruthven 2010 and via Zoom

**In person attendance** – Chair Rebekah Modrak, Vice Chair Heather O'Malley, FSO Director Luke McCarthy, Professor Vilma Mesa, Professor Derek Peterson, Professor Soumya Rangarajan, Professor Melanie Tanielian, FSO Operations Lead Meaghan Blanchard, FSO Coordinator Ann Marshall, FSO Coordinator Eric Vandenberghe.

**Remote attendance** – Professor Simon Cushing, Professor Alex Yi, Secretary Deirdre Spencer

**Absent** – Professor Tom Braun

**Press** - Katie Kelton, *University Record*

**4:10** Come to Order and Minutes Approval – The minutes were approved by consent.

**4:20** Committee Nominations

SACUA discussed nominations for chairs and members of the Senate Assembly's committees for the 2024-2025 year, which were received from the Senate Assembly Nominations Committee. During the discussion, SACUA members generally agreed that a diversity of disciplines among committee membership and leadership was desirable and should occur wherever possible. Student representation on Senate Assembly committees was also briefly discussed, but students are not added onto committees until the summer, after being nominated by Central Student Government.

With the remaining meeting time, SACUA discussed the nominated committee chairs and membership of SRAC (Student Relations Advisory Committee) and AAAC (Academic Affairs Advisory Committee). SACUA approved Professor Marita Inglehart to serve as chair of SRAC. SACUA approved a motion to replace one of the members on the SRAC roster with a faculty member connected to Judaic studies, if such a faculty member who is interested can be identified by May 13<sup>th</sup>, with the faculty member on SRAC to be then offered a position on a different committee. SACUA approved Aubree Gordon as the chair of the AAAC. After discussion, the AAAC roster was approved with revisions.

A potential change of SACUA meeting start times would be forwarded to our next meeting.

**Adjourned: 5:08** The meeting was adjourned at 5:08.

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 policies 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."