



Secretary of the University Advisory Committee (SAC)

Minutes of Meeting: 4/15/24

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Present: John Pasquale (Chair), Vilma Mesa (SACUA Liaison), Merle Rosenzweig, Jonathan Shillingford, Anne O'Brien, Sally Churchill (VP and Secretary of the University), Linda Zhu, Francine Dolins

Absent: Nadeem Aslam, Joshua Ackerman, Melissa Levine, Rashmi Rama, Charlie Keldsen

Faculty Senate Office: Eric Vandenberghe

11:02am: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes, Announcements

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the February SAC meeting were approved. A call was made for a Chair for the next academic year. The current Chair of the committee provided an overview of what the workload and time commitment involved with this committee entails.

VP Churchill's Report

Summary: This is the VP Churchill's final SAC meeting. She will be transitioning to a new role as special adviser to the president. This change will take place two weeks following this meeting. VP Churchill's successor will be Jon Kinsey, currently the chief of staff in the President's Office.

VP Churchill discussed her future plans, which include a review of the University's bylaws.

Honors Convocation is discussed. The proposed [Disruptive Activity Policy](#) was brought up and reviewed.

Action: Discussion

Bylaws

Summary: VP Churchill discussed the primary project that she will be working on next year - a review of the University's bylaws.

The bylaws will be reviewed to determine what updates are necessary. An example of something that may be considered is a code of conduct that applies to the Board of Regents. This will be an extensive review that will be focused on modernizing the bylaws and ensuring that they are serving the University community in the best possible way. VP Churchill noted that key stakeholders will be engaged with to ensure that any needed changes are done so with a positive impact on the University community.

VP Churchill's informed the committee that there was no specific event that prompted the



desire for this review. A discussion on keeping in mind power dynamics when reviewing the bylaws was identified as something to keep in mind. VP Churchill noted that it will be important to review bylaws at peer institutions to optimize UM's bylaws.

Action: Discussion

Discussion regarding the draft disruptive activity policy

Summary: The draft Disruptive Activity Policy is reviewed. A point is made by a committee member that the request for feedback of this draft policy was quite sudden and abrupt. The process for this was discussed, with notes of possible areas that could have been addressed in a different fashion. The honor's convocation is discussed. VP Churchill discussed some of the feedback that has been received, generally. Further discussion on this topic takes place.

As the meeting concludes, VP Churchill is thanked for her service to the University and the committee wishes her well on her future endeavors.

Action: Discussion

11:40am: Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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