FACULTY SENATE
SENATE ASSEMBLY
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

Minutes of Meeting: 9/5/24
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<u>Present</u>: Fadhl Alakwaa, Jesse Capecelatro, Orsolya Lautner-Csorba (Chair), Karen Downing, Seth Guikema, Magda Ivanova, Tyler Nix, Alex Yasha Yi (SACUA Liaison)

<u>Absent</u>: Audrey Bennett, Suresh Madathilparambil, Mrinal Sarkar, Quentin Stout

<u>Faculty Senate Office</u>: Eric Vandenberghe

9:02am: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes, Announcements

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the May RAC meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting.

9:02am-9:50am: Discussion of the Charge

<u>Summary</u>: Each of the meeting attendees introduced themselves. The Chair introduced the draft charges, and they were reviewed in order.

Artificial Intelligence is discussed for the first charge point. The committee felt that the charge was sufficiently broad. This is an area where the committee members agreed it is important to be proactive. Ethics in AI is brought up as a key area the committee should explore.
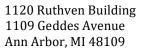
A member brought up high performance computing, and described challenges faced by researchers who utilize it. It is noted that this subject will be explored by the ITC, and that it is also an area that this committee can explore. Potential guests are suggested, and the Chair asks that the members send her all suggestions.

Research Faculty Development is the next charge item reviewed. Distinctions between various units are raised. Suggestions for guests from several units are requested and provided. The challenges in each unit can be unique, and it is important that issues be addressed in a meaningful way. A member offers insight on issues faced by qualitative researchers and suggests that this be considered with this charge item.

Mental Wellness is the next charge item discussed. The broadness of the item is discussed with opinions offered on if the topic should be narrowed. A point is made that the broadness of the charge item offers leeway should a particular area of the topic be pursued. Burnout prevention is a topic that several members suggest as a potential topic.

The final charge item serves as a catch-all for any other topics that should emerge as the year goes on. Members suggest other topics that could potentially be discussed.

<u>Action</u>: Discussion

9:50am: Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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