

Minutes September 30, 2024
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs
Monday, September 30, 2024, 3:00
The hybrid meeting was held in 1100 Ruthven

In person attendance – Chair Rebekah Modrak, Vice Chair Heather O'Malley, FSO Director Luke McCarthy, Dr. Soumya Rangarajan, Prof. Vilma Mesa, Prof. Derek Peterson, FSO-Coordinator Ann Marshall, Secretary Deirdre Spencer

Remote attendance – Prof. Simon Cushing, Prof. Melanie Tanielian, Prof. Alex Yi

Guests: AAUP: Gretchen Keppel-Aleks, Lucy Hartley --
DMN Committee: Michael Atzmon, Nick Tobier

Press: Patricia Leonico – *Michigan Daily*
Jeff Bleier – *University Record*
Caleb Rosenblum – *Michigan Daily* Photographer

3:00 Come to Order and Minutes Approval -- The meeting was called to order at 3:05. The minutes of the September 16th SACUA meeting were approved by consent.

3:05 Chair's Update -- Dinesh Pal is interested in forming a support group for childcare and families with special needs family members. A committee member emphasized that Pal would be excellent to lead this effort. A faculty member from the medical school expressed that there would be colleagues interested in serving on this committee from the medical school.

SACUA will soon review proposed amendments to the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities (SSRR) as part of the regular tri-annual amendment process. SACUA will review all faculty proposals and then forward them as a package to SRAC. Many faculty would like to see revisions to the current policy. The chair wants to know if there are any faculty interested in filing amendments to SSRR. She and the FSO director would like to begin coordinating these faculty efforts ASAP to help avoid faculty replicating efforts. There was no deadline in the email received from Student Life, but we amendments are planned to go forward to SRAC on November 1st. Things will be happening quickly.

3:10 Lack of Protections for Faculty Executive Session

3:30 Senate Assembly Follow-up Conversation Executive Session

4:00 Guests: Remote attendance Executive Session
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Topic: Collaboration on an Event About Institutional Neutrality

4:30 Matters Arising / New Business / Agenda Building

Concerns were raised about a chair search for the computer science department at UM Dearborn.

SACUA would like to have a voice in whether the university should engage in institutional neutrality.

4:45 Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 4:57

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre 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."

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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."