

To: SACUA

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Faculty Senate Office Activities

The FSO continues to be productive:

- Assisted committee chairs with meeting scheduling, agendas, minutes, and committee administration.
- For several committee chairs and other faculty members, assisted with various research projects, including on the following topics:
 - Dependent care costs
 - The University's endowment
 - A peer comparison of the U-M Faculty Senate to peer institutions
 - A peer comparison of U-M retirement contributions when compared to peer institutions
- Maintained the Faculty Senate website.
- Assisted with the logistics of the annual DMN lecture, including the following:
 - Promotions for the event, including the creation and posting of a poster, the advertisement in the *Record*, the placement of a regular radio spot on Michigan Radio, and the design and printing of an event program.
 - Flights, lodging, and a car service for the speaker, Judith Butler
 - Organization, with the CEW+ of a reading group meeting to discuss Butler's most recent book (*Who's Afraid of Gender?*), with copies of the book provided to all participants
 - Organization of a panel discussion on the day before the DMN lecture to consider Butler's most recent book
 - Organization of a dinner after the panel discussion at Taste Kitchen with Butler, the panel members, and a few faculty and students with an interest in and knowledge of Butler's work.
 - Organization of a lunch with Butler and students with a connection to women's and gender studies.
 - Planning and running the annual DMN lecture, to a packed audience.
 - Hosting the annual dinner following the DMN lecture.
 - After the event, working with Michigan Media on producing a polished video, with captions, that will be uploaded to the Faculty Senate's YouTube channel.
 - Assisting the DMN Chairs with inviting a speaker for next year's DMN lecture.
 - Drafted "thank you" notes that will be sent to various participants in this year's event.

- Organized and ran the annual University Senate meeting. Doing so included administering an election of a new Parliamentarian and voting on four motions:
 - A motion calling for a pause to changes made to the Student Statement of Rights and Responsibilities that the Regents made in July
 - A motion calling for the creation of a faculty-led committee to review SPGs
 - A motion to censure the Regents
 - A motion calling on the University to address gender-based violence
- Administered an election of an Ann Arbor Faculty Senate member to the Police Department Oversight Committee.
- Administered an election of a new SACUA member to fill a current vacancy on SACUA
- Organized a panel to discuss a proposed bylaw on institutional neutrality, which will prohibit university leaders from making statements on behalf of the units they lead unless that statement is regarding internal governance matters.
- Distributed to SACUA members on a regular basis football tickets for home games, plus passes to the Regents' Guest Area.
- Ran an assortment of events and initiatives:
 - Two more (for a total of three this term) “Political Speech and The Public Square” events. These two events focused on reproductive rights and on the Middle East. Faculty, staff, and students were able to address these topics by speaking on the Diag, with a microphone and lectern provided for them by the Faculty Senate.
 - Faculty are being matched each month randomly for “Innovate Brew” coffee meetups
 - Four more “On-Campus Faculty Work Retreats” were held (six total this semester), so that faculty could quietly work and then have lunch with colleagues
 - A Regent Candidate Forum was organized and run at the Michigan Theater, providing candidates running for Regent an opportunity to address the university community, and a dinner afterwards was hosted at Knights.
- Assisted with the organization of a rally on the Diag on December 2nd in support of DEI.

FSO Director Activities

- With the SACUA Chair, participated in an Ad Hoc Communications Committee meeting with VP Richie Hunter, DPSS Executive Director Eddie Washington, Vice Provost Tabbye Chavous, and a number of faculty, staff, students.
- Drafted and submitted an annual budget.
- Served as a member of the FASCCO Advisory Board.
- Assisted, with FSO Staff Member Meaghan Blanchard, as a member of the Ruthven Winter Blast Committee, which is planning a social event for Mardi Gras.
- Maintained the website of the University Faculty Ombuds office.
- Assisted the Faculty Senate chair with a number of Faculty Senate communications, with topics including support for DEI, concerns regarding reduction so sections and increases of class cap sizes on the Dearborn campus, concerns regarding changes made the Student Statement of Rights and Responsibilities, a Faculty Senate vote to censure to Regents, and a draft bylaw regarding institutional neutrality.

- Hosted a session for SACUA and Senate Assembly members to receive the findings of a recent ARC3 Campus Climate Survey Related to Sex and Gender.
- Because the CESWF chair needed to step down from the committee, assisted the CESWF in its meetings since the committee does not currently have a chair.
- Assisted the RPP in a comprehensive review of the Senate rules.
- Performed a multitude of finance tasks.
- Presented at the annual conference of the Midwest Michigan Modern Language Association.
- Assisted the SACUA chair in organizing a virtual town hall to hear concerns from Dearborn faculty.
- Assisted the SACUA Working Group of Public Health, which met with Chief Health Officer Rob Ernst, with SACUA members Rebekah Modrak and Heather O'Malley participating.
- Assisted SRAC with the regular, tri-annual process to amend the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities.
- With the SACUA chair, the Senate Secretary, and SACUA member Derek Peterson, attended the December meeting of the Board of Regents.
- Attended a meeting of the Staff Budget Engagement Committee.
- Assisted the SACUA Chair by reviewing 1,000 testimonials in support of DEI to be presented to the Board of Regents
- Assisted the SACUA Chair in various other meetings and tasks.

SACUA Actions

Between regular meetings, SACUA has performed the following actions that should be included in the SACUA minutes:

- On October 17th, SACUA approved the following slate of candidates to run for election to the Police Department Oversight Committee:
 - Golfo Tzilos Wernette, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Medical School
 - Nick Camp, Assistant Professor of Organizational Studies, Assistant Professor of Psychology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and Faculty Associate, Research Center for Group Dynamics, Institute for Social Research
 - Pamela Smock, Professor of Sociology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and Research Professor, Population Studies Center, Institute for Social Research
 - Erica Campagnaro, Clinical Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, Medical School
 - David Tindle, Clinical Associate Professor of Dentistry, Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine, School of Dentistry
 - Michael Hickok, Lecturer I in History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

- Kathleen Kruse, Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Medical Director of Nyman Unit, Medical School
- Ajjai Alva, Maisel Research Professor of Translational/Clinical Oncology and Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine, Medical School
- Victor Hong, Clinical Associate Professor, Medical Director of Psychiatry Emergency Services (PES), Associate Director of Adult Psychiatry Hospital Services
- Nancy Khalil, Assistant Professor of American Culture, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
- On November 8, 2024, SACUA nominated the following individuals to a VP of Research and Innovation Search Advisory Committee:
 - Alex Yi, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, UM-Dearborn
 - Dylan Miner, Professor of Art and Design
- On November 14, 2024 SACUA nominated the following individuals to an “Inclusive History Project Honorifics Task Force”:
 - Maren Oberman, Clinical Assistant Professor of Education
 - Terry McDonald, Arthur F Thurnau Professor and Professor of History
 - Vance Jackson, Lecturer I in Social Work
- On November 15, 2024, SACUA nominated the following faculty to the Medical School Dean Search Committee:
 - Lindsay Admon, Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology
 - John Magee, Jeremiah and Claire Turcotte Professor of Transplantation Surgery, Professor of Internal Medicine, Professor of Pediatrics and Professor of Surgery
- On November 26, 2024, SACUA approved sending as a letter from SACUA a letter regarding the cancellation of courses and increasing of course caps in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters on the UM-Dearborn campus. The letter was sent to President Ono and the Regents.

Senate Assembly Actions

Between regular meetings, the Senate Assembly has performed the following actions that should be included in the Senate Assembly minutes:

- On October 28th, 2024, the Senate Assembly elected Craig Smith, Senior Associate Librarian, University Library, to fill a current vacancy on SACUA, with a term ending on April 30, 2025.
- On October 31, 2024, the Senate Assembly approved “Motion 1: Call to Pause Implementation of the Revised Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities,” which will be considered at the upcoming University Senate meeting on November 4, 2024.

University Senate Actions

Between regular meetings, the University Senate has performed the following actions that should be included in the University Senate minutes:

- On October 29th, the Ann Arbor members of the University Senate elected the following member to the Ann Arbor Police Department Oversight Committee for a two-year term: Kathleen Kruse, Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Medical Director of Nyman Unit, Medical School
- On November 7, 2024, the University Senate elected the following faculty member as the Senate Parliamentarian, with a three-year term commencing on January 1, 2025: Deirdre Spencer, Librarian, Library Research, Arts and Humanities, University Library.
- On November 7, 2024, the University Senate approved the following resolutions:
 - Motion 1: Call to Pause Implementation of the Revised Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities
 - Motion 2: Motion on the Creation and Review of SPGs
 - Motion 3: Motion to Censure the University of Michigan Regents
 - Motion 4: Motion on Accountability for the Handling of Gender-Based Violence and Discrimination at the University