



Secretary of the University Advisory Committee (SAC)

Minutes of Meeting: 10/10/2024

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Present: John Tropman (Chair), Curtiss Engstrom, John Pasquale, Barbara Klein, Vilma Mesa (SACUA Liaison), Samantha Kreklau, Jonathan Shillingford, Beth Wilensky, Jon Kinsey (Secretary of the University)

Absent: Francine Dolins, Rashmi Rama, Zachary Schoppen, Jay Winkler

Guests: Sally Churchill, Past Secretary of the University

Faculty Senate Office: Eric Vandenberghe

1:00pm-1:10pm: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes, Announcements

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the September SAC meeting were approved. The updates from the prior meeting are reviewed and discussed briefly.

1:10pm-1:35pm: Discussion on the Future Governance project, review of the Regent's Bylaws

Summary: Former VP Churchill was introduced and provided an overview of the Future Governance project, which is a full review of the Regent's Bylaws. It is explained that this type of full review has not taken place in a significant period of time, if ever. In the past, individual bylaws had been reviewed and revised as necessary. This review will allow for a big picture view of the bylaws.

A committee member requests that faculty governance, as well as other community stakeholders, should play a part in this review process. VP Kinsey indicates that this review will indeed involve community stakeholders. The work at this point is still in the review process by former VP Churchill. The work is not ready for stakeholder review at this time.

There is no concrete timeline currently for completion of this work. A member suggests that. A member suggests that there are benefits to having a timeline, and advocates for the implementation of one. There are phases of this process: initial review of the current bylaws, stakeholder review, implementation, and monitoring of changes.

A discussion of reviewing peer bylaws takes place. This type of review is being done currently as part of the Future Governance project.

Action: Discussion

1:35pm-1:50pm: Discuss recent changes to the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities (SSRR)



Summary: VP Kinsey provides a copy of the SSRR with the areas altered marked up. A brief review of SACUA, and the Senate Assembly's reaction. Discussion ensues, as committee members raise questions. VP Kinsey will take the asked questions back to the Regents for further review.

A question is asked about the addition of the "University" in terms of filing complaints. Who is the University?

Concern is raised about the lack of consultation with community stakeholders, including faculty and students. These changes were made unilaterally, to which members voice their concerns.

Action: Discussion

1:50pm-2:00pm: Consider priorities for the next meeting and interim work

Summary: A member poses the question- does Board of Regents have a code of conduct? It is indicated that they do not currently. Support is voiced for such a set of rules. It is suggested by a member that the SAC explore this matter further at a future meeting. This should be brought over to the SAC or faculty for consideration.

A call is made by a member for true shared governance at UM.

An issue is brought up by a member regarding current practices dealing with public comment at Regent's meetings. There were recent changes to the policy. The members indicates that the process feels more limited and cut off from the rest of the public. Is the community able to read the submitted public comments? What are the number of comments? Interest is voiced in what prompted these changes.

Three items are identified as potential topics for the next SAC meeting:

- What is the onboarding process for new Regents?
 - o What documents and other materials do they receive?
- Should the Board of Regents have a code of conduct?
- Changes to the public comment during Regent's meetings
 - o What prompted the change?
 - o Can the public view the submitted comments?

Action: Discussion

2:00pm: Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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