

To: SACUA

From: Luke McCarthy, Director, Faculty Senate Office

Subject: Director's Report on Faculty Senate Office Activities

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Faculty Senate Office Activities

The FSO took a well-deserved holiday break, but otherwise continues to be productive:

- Assisted committee chairs with meeting scheduling, agendas, minutes, and committee administration.
- Assisted with the logistics of Senate Assembly and SACUA meetings.
- For several committee chairs and other faculty members, assisted with various research projects, including on the following topics:
 - The University's endowment
 - A peer comparison of the U-M Faculty Senate to peer institutions
- Maintained the Faculty Senate website.

FSO Director Activities

- Assisted the RPP in a comprehensive review of the Senate rules.
- Assisted the SACUA Chair in holding a Dearborn Town Hall for faculty to raise concerns related to a plan reduce CASL sections and increase cap sizes.
- 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.
- Attended the annual President and Provost Holiday Reception.
- Concluded final post-DMN lecture logistical tasks.
- Assisted the SACUA Chair in various meetings, including with the Provost and the President
- Assisted the Student Relations Advisory Committee in its tri-annual review of the *Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities*.
- Assisted the sponsors of University Senate Motion 4 with arranging a meeting with the ECRT to discuss the motion.
- With the SACUA Chair, participated in the annual budget meeting to discuss the FSO's submitted FY26 budget.
- 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.
- With FSO Member Meaghan Blanchard, assisted the chair of the Ethical Investment Committee in a meeting with EVP Geoff Chatas and Chief Investment Officer Erik Lundberg.
- Maintained the website of the University Faculty Ombuds office.

- Assisted the Faculty Senate chair with a number of communications, including to address concerns raised by faculty on the Dearborn campus.
- Assisted the SACUA Chair in seeking a replacement GRAC chair,
- Assisted the SACUA Chair and the DMN Chairs in preparing for future events