

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

Since the last report on August 22, 2025, the FSO continues to be productive:

- Continued assisting 18 committee chairs and the SACUA chair with organizing for the year ahead, including addressing roster issues, holding meetings to develop committee charges, and scheduling for the year ahead.
- Provided logistical support for “The Next UM President: A Town Hall” on September 3rd at 4pm in 1010 Weiser Hall. The event was covered in the [Record](#) and the [Daily](#), and a recording is available on [YouTube](#).
- Hosted a lunch meeting for the SACUA chair and the SA committee chairs to discuss the work of the year ahead.
- Provided logistical support for a number of upcoming events being developed that were reported in the last Director's Report. An event listing is maintained at <https://faculty senate.umich.edu/faculty-events/>.
- Maintained the Faculty Senate website.
- Met with the new AEC chair with the ITS team that assists the AEC to connect the chair with the support team helping carry out this year's survey of administrators.
- Assisted the President's Office in inviting all the members of the Senate Assembly to a reception at the President's house on September 2<sup>nd</sup> with the University's leadership team.
- Assisted two working groups that were organized over the summer:
  - The CTP Task Force
  - The Protections for Faculty Working Group

### FSO Director Activities

- Assisted the SACUA Chair with committee charge discussions with chairs and EOs.
- Assisted the chairs of the FAAC and the GCAC in considerations regarding U-M's LTD plan.
- Met with the SACUA Faculty Grievance Monitor to discuss obtaining data from prior grievance cases.
- Continued assisting the Librarian, Archivist, and Curator faculty with running an election to select a new Senate Assembly representative.
- With the SACUA Chair, continued efforts to address a multitude of topics, including but not limited issues involving cuts to research funds and the closing of CSCAR

- Assisted the SACUA Chair in various meetings, including the following:
  - Meeting with the Interim Chief of DPSS
  - Meeting the President
- Assisted the SACUA chair and the movants of [Motion 4](#) from the fall 2024 University Senate meeting with efforts related to addressing about gender-based violence, including supporting UM survivors.
- Began work on submitting a FY26 FSO budget.

### SACUA Actions

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

- On August 25<sup>th</sup>, SACUA nominated the following faculty, who have indicated they are available and interested, to participate in a new DPSS advisory committee being assembled by President Grasso and DPSS Interim Chief Rick Arnold:
  - Charles H F Davis, Assistant Professor, Marsal Family School of Education
  - Mira Edmonds, Clinical Professor of Law, Law School
  - Andre Monteiro Da Rocha, Research Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine, Medical School
  - Martin Murray, Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, A Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Adjunct Professor of Afroamerican and African Studies and Professor of Sociology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
  - Michael J. Steinberg, Clinical Assistant Professor of Law, Law School
  - Craig Wilkins, Associate Professor of Architecture, A Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning
- On August 25<sup>th</sup>, SACUA voted to prioritize topics that should receive ample time for special focus at the SACUA retreat on September 12<sup>th</sup>:
  1. Strategizing for SACUA becoming more effective in influencing the Regents / EOs
  2. The presidential search
  3. Communication processes
  4. Research funding issues
  5. SACUA's composition
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