

To: SACUA

From: Luke McCarthy, Director, Faculty Senate Office

Subject: Director's Report on Faculty Senate Office Activities

Date: October 17, 2025

Faculty Senate Office Activities

Since the last report on October 3, 2025, the FSO continues to be productive:

- Assisted the 18 SA committee chairs with committee meetings.
- Provided logistical support for a number of events:
 - 10/8 Faculty Mixer
 - 10/8 On-Campus Work Retreat (North Campus, Lurie Engineering Center)
- Worked on the logistical details for a number of upcoming events:
 - Political Speech and the Public Square, "Artificial Intelligence: Is It a Good Thing?" (10/21, 12-1pm, Diag)
 - Faculty On-Campus Work Retreat (10/22, 9-1pm, Michigan League)
 - Faculty On-Campus Work Retreat (10/23, 9-1pm, Michigan League)
 - SACUA visit to UM-Flint (10/24, leaving from Ruthven at 11am)
 - University Senate meeting
 - Catering
 - DMN Lecture (11/6, Maize and Blue Auditorium, Student Activities Building)
 - Format change, with inclusion of new in-person panel and virtual main speaker
 - IT discussions and dry run with Michigan Media and Ruthven IT due to added complexity of this now hybrid event
 - Catering
 - Post-DMN Lecture dinner planning
 - Promotion
- Maintained the Faculty Senate website.
- Continued assisting two working groups that were organized over the summer:
 - The CTP Task Force
 - The Protections for Faculty Working Group
- Continued to assist SACUA members with attendance at home football games, with passes to the Regents Guest Area.

FSO Director Activities

- Assisted the Senate Assembly with electing a new member to fill a vacancy on SACUA, with a term ending on April 30, 2026.
- Worked with RSG and CSG to appoint student representatives to the AAAC.

- Organized the speakers for the 10/21 event: Political Speech and the Public Square, “Artificial Intelligence: Is It a Good Thing?”
- Concluded efforts with the *Record* to publish a recently approved SACUA letter regarding consultative decision as a faculty perspectives article.
- Assisted the SACUA Chair with a Senate Chair newsletter.
- Assisted the SACUA Chair in various meetings
- Assisted with the logistics of the upcoming DMN lecture.
- Successfully applied for and received a grant for additional funding in support of the DMN Lecture, provided by the U-M Initiative for Democracy & Civic Empowerment, totaling \$3,000.

FSO Collaborations

The Faculty Senate Office collaborated with the following campus partners:

- Initiative for Democracy & Civic Empowerment, award of \$3,000 in support of the DMN lecture.

Senate Assembly Actions

On October 9th, between regular meetings, the Senate Assembly elected to SACUA, for a term starting immediately and ending April 30, 2026, **Susan Najita**, Associate Professor of American Culture, Associate Professor of English Language and Literature and Director Graduate Studies, American Culture, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.