

To: SACUA

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Subject: Director's Report on Faculty Senate Office Activities

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Faculty Senate Office Activities

Since the last report on September 11, 2025, the FSO continues to be productive:

- Assisted the 18 SA committee chairs with committee meetings.
- Provided logistical support for a number of events:
 - 9/12: SACUA Retreat, Gallup Park
 - 9/23: Political Speech and the Public Square, "What Do I Want in a New U-M President?"
 - 9/24: Faculty On-Campus Work Retreat, Hatcher Library
 - 9/25: Faculty On-Campus Work Retreat, Hatcher Library
- Maintained the Faculty Senate website.
- Assisted two working groups that were organized over the summer:
 - The CTP Task Force
 - The Protections for Faculty Working Group
- Assisted with processing SACUA member research funds.

FSO Director Activities

- Assisted the Librarian, Archivist, and Curator faculty with concluding an election to select a new Senate Assembly representative.
- Assisted the Senate Assembly with obtaining nominations of faculty to run to fill a vacancy on SACUA, with a term ending on April 30, 2026.
- Organized the speakers for the 9/23 event: Political Speech and the Public Square, "What Do I Want in a New U-M President?"
- Helped the SACUA Chair with finding and appointing a replacement chair for the RAC. The current RAC chair had unexpected family matters that arose, impacting her ability to serve as chair.
- Began work with the *Record* to get a recently approved SACUA letter regarding consultative decision making published.
- Attended a Difficult Dialogues National Resource Center webinar.
- With the SACUA Chair, attended the September meeting of the Board of Regents.
- Assisted the SACUA Chair with a Senate Chair newsletter.
- Assisted the SACUA Chair in various meetings, including the following:
 - A lunch meeting with the University Faculty Ombuds, Stephanie Preston and Mary O'Riordan

- A meeting to discuss the new office of the Vice Provost for Access and Opportunity, with Vice Provost Angela Dillard; Marie Ting, Assistant Vice Provost for Access and Opportunity; and Catalina Concha-Ormsby, Assistant Vice Provost for Access and Opportunity
- A meeting with President Grasso, with SACUA member Kentaro Toyama.
- Assisted with the logistics of the upcoming DMN lecture.
- Met with the Faculty Protections Working Group
- Finished a census of the Faculty Senate in order to reapportion Senate Assembly seats, resulting in a net change of -1 COE seat and +1 UM-Flint seats. The reapportionment will need to be reviewed and then approved by SACUA and the Senate Assembly.

SACUA Actions

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

- On September 12th, SACUA nominated the following faculty to Clinical Faculty University Award Advisory Committee:
 - **Jayapalli Bapuraj**, Clinical Professor of Radiology and Program Associate, Radiology, Medical School
 - **Sybil Biermann**, Clinical Professor of Radiology and Program Associate, Radiology, Medical School
 - **Debi Khasnabis**, Clinical Professor of Education and Director Academic Program, Educational Studies, Marsal Family School of Education
 - **Liz Kolb**, Clinical Professor of Education, Marsal Family School of Education
- On September 15th, SACUA nominated the following faculty to a Chancellor of UM-Dearborn Search Advisory Committee:
 - **Francine Dolins**, Associate Professor of Psychology, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences and Letters, The University of Michigan-Dearborn
 - **Bruce Maxim**, Narasimhamurthi "Nattu: Natarajan Collegiate Professor of Engineering and Professor of Computer and Information Science, College of Engineering and Computer Science, The University of Michigan-Dearborn
 - **Liz Rohan**, Professor of Rhetoric and Composition, Department of Language, Culture, and the Arts, College of Arts, Sciences and Letters, The University of Michigan-Dearborn
- On September 15th, SACUA nominated the following faculty to a Executive Director of Police and Public Safety Search Advisory Committee:
 - **Michael Hickok**, Lecturer I in History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
 - **Nora Krinitsky**, Lecturer III in the Residential College, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

- **Shelley K Spivack**, Lecturer II in Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences and Education, The University of Michigan-Flint
- On September 26, SACUA approved an Open Letter Regarding Consultative Decision-Making, which will be presented to the *Record* as a Faculty Perspective article.

Senate Assembly Actions

Between regular meetings on September 19th, the Faculty Senate's Librarians, Archivists, and Curators elected to a three-year term of the Senate Assembly, starting immediately and ending on August 31, 2028, **James Gulvas**, Senior Associate Librarian, Library Collections, University Library.