

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 October 17, 2025, the FSO continues to be productive:

- Assisted the 18 SA committee chairs with committee meetings.
- Provided logistical support for a number of events:
 - Political Speech and the Public Square: “Artificial Intelligence: Is It a Good Thing?” (10/21) and “Surveillance: Does It Make Us Safer?” (12/2)
 - Faculty On-Campus Work Retreats on 10/22, 10/23, 11/19, and 11/20
 - SACUA visit to UM-Flint (10/24)
 - University Senate meeting (11/3)
 - DMN Lecture and post-event dinner (11/6)
- Worked on the logistical details for a number of upcoming events:
 - Three possible events related to protections of faculty being explored for the winter term in support of the work of the Protections for Faculty Working Group
 - Session #1 of the “Clinical Faculty / Faculty Senate Dialogues,” a new series of listening sessions with clinical faculty, with the first session to be on 12/8 with pediatricians and OB/GYNs.
- Maintained the Faculty Senate website.
- Continued assisting two working groups that were organized over the summer:
 - The CTP Task Force, including by carrying out a faculty survey regarding CTP and developing a report to communicate the results of that survey
 - The Protections for Faculty Working Group, including by drafting a possible future faculty survey and exploring the hosting of a number of events in the winter term.
- Continued to assist SACUA members with attendance at home football games, with passes to the Regents Guest Area.
- Worked on reviewing Faculty Senate Office processes, documents, and webpages in light of accessibility, such as by developing draft templates for documents that the FSO produces and the Faculty Senate webpage in order to better address accessibility concerns.
- Began work reserving rooms for tentative SACUA, Senate Assembly, and University Senate meetings for next year.

FSO Director Activities

- Worked with RSG and CSG to appoint student representatives to the GCAC.

- Submitted budget materials for FY2027
- Attended the Flint Faculty Senate fall meeting
- Attended the 11/20 Regents' Meeting with SACUA members Kirsten Herold and Jesse Capecelatro.
- Organized the speakers for the 12/2 event: "Surveillance: Does It Make Us Safer?"
- Assisted the SACUA Chair with Senate Chair communications to the Faculty Senate.
- Assisted the SACUA Chair in various meetings, including with the following:
 - President Grasso
 - Provost McCauley
 - Vice Provost Tom Finhold
 - Michelle Casey, Ethics, Integrity, and Compliance Officer
- As a member of the U-M Wellbeing Collective's action team for navigation, attended an action teams summit on 11/12
- Attended an event at Literati bookstore and a celebratory dinner marking the book launch of *In the Spirit of H. Chandler Davis*, eds., Michael Atzmon, John Cheney-Lipold, Gary D. Krenz, and Melanie S. Tanielian.
- Worked on developing a new fundraising campaign connected Faculty Senate efforts to support for academic freedom.
- Attended a 12/4 town hall focused on Work Connections

SACUA Actions

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

- On November 14, 2025, SACUA approved by electronic vote the recommendation of the following faculty to serve as Student Resolution Officers:
 - Dentistry
 - **Marita Inglehart**, University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor, Professor of Dentistry, Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine, School of Dentistry
 - Engineering
 - **Travis Doom**, Lecturer III of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, College of Engineering
 - Library
 - **Craig Smith**, Senior Associate Librarian, University Library
 - LSA
 - **Stephen Berrey**, Arthur F Thurnau Professor, Associate Professor of American Culture, Associate Professor of History and Associate Chair, Department of American Culture, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts,
 - **William Calvo-Quiros**, Associate Professor of American Culture, Director Academic Program, American Culture, College of Literature,

University Senate Actions

Following the meeting of the University Senate held on November 3, 2025, the University Senate approved by electronic vote the following motions:

- Motion 1: Motion to Make the Collegiate Travel Partners (CTP) Travel Service Optional
 - *Results: Yes, 3350 (96.7%); No 116 (3.3%); Abstain 172- Motion PASSED*
- Motion 2: Resolution to End the “Pause” and Resume Gender Affirming Care, in Alignment with our University’s Values and the Mission of Michigan Medicine
 - *Results: Yes, 2432 (81.4%); 555 (18.6%); Abstain 651 – Motion PASSED*
- Motion 3: Resolution to Reject Participation in the “Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education”
 - *Results: Yes, 2978 (93.0%); 225 (7.0%); Abstain 435 – Motion PASSED*
- Motion 4: Resolution Demanding a Comprehensive Policy Addressing the Role of Generative Artificial Intelligence at the University of Michigan
 - *Results: Yes, 2666 (86.1%); 429 (13.9%); Abstain 543 – Motion PASSED*
- Motion 5: Call to Restore Funding for Consulting for Statistics, Computing, and Analytics Research (CSCAR)
 - *Results: Yes, 2585 (90.2%); 281 (9.8%); Abstain 772 – Motion PASSED*
- Motion 6: A Resolution Asking the University to Invest the Necessary Resources to Make Our Digital Materials Accessible
 - *Results: Yes, 2716 (92.5%); 221 (7.5%); Abstain 701 – Motion PASSED*
- Motion 7: Motion to Restore Fair Rules and Rule of Law to the University
 - *Results: Yes, 2478 (88.4%); 325 (11.6%); Abstain 835 – Motion PASSED*
- Motion 8: Resolution Regarding New H-1B Policies
 - *Results: Yes, 2796 (92.6%); 224 (7.4%); Abstain 618 – Motion PASSED*
- Motion 9: Statement Concerning the Presidential Search Committee
 - *Results: Yes, 2592 (88.4%); 339 (11.6%); Abstain 707 – Motion PASSED*