

MOTION 3: Toyama, Merlin, Gilbert 9-16-20

WHEREAS the University of Michigan leadership has consistently refused to be moved by countless concerns expressed by faculty, staff, students, and local residents through formal communications, petitions, and protests with respect to its Fall 2020 re-opening plans,

WHEREAS the Regents of the University of Michigan pushed through revisions to University Bylaws 5.09 and 5.10 that opposed the [recommendations of a Faculty Working Group](#) appointed by the Provosts of the university, as well as [the majority of faculty](#) who responded to a survey conducted by the Working Group,

WHEREAS President Schlissel rejected a request by SACUA to nominate a seat on the search committee that nominated Martin Philbert, the Provost who was dismissed for sexual misconduct that was known to members of the university community for decades,

WHEREAS President Schlissel installed Provost Susan Collins without prior consultation with SACUA,

WHEREAS the [case of Martin Philbert](#) and [others](#) demonstrates that the University of Michigan administration has made no substantive changes to ensure that the Office of Institutional Equity seek truth and justice, despite many years of formal complaints and requests by multiple student and faculty governance bodies on campus, including SACUA,

WHEREAS the faculty implement the core mission of the university with respect to research and teaching, and collectively have great expertise in all matters relevant to university policy,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Faculty Senate demands that the University of Michigan implement a permanent policy requiring the administration to engage in substantive consultation on all matters relevant to faculty (including lecturers) with existing bodies of faculty governance at the programmatic, departmental, unit, and university levels, including but not limited to the faculty's representative bodies, SACUA, LEO, and the Senate Assembly.

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Results: Yes, 1,328; No, 615 Motion PASSED

Link to News Item:

<https://facultysenate.umich.edu/faculty-senate-and-clinical-faculty-ballots-the-results-are-in/>