



## **Student Relations Advisory Committee (SRAC) Minutes for 1/16/2026 Meeting**

### **Meeting information:**

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Members present: Bruno Giordani, Marita Inglehart (Chair), Jonathan Brennan, Jamie Niehof, Charlie Koopmann, Cindee Giffen, Matt Lassiter, Sri Likhita Adru, Joel Scheuher, Hayley Bedell, Stephen Ward, Kirsten Herold (SACUA), David Potter, Devin Woodruff, Martino Harmon (VP for Student Life), Connie Tingson Gatuz (Associate Vice President for Student Development, Learning, and Social Change Education), Tonya Marion (Office of Student Life)

Members absent: John Kloosterman, Maxymilian Stefanski

### Guests present:

Central Student Government (CSG) President Eric Veal and Vice President Lucas Korn

Faculty Senate Office staff present: Eric Vandenberghe

### **Minutes:**

#### **11:34am-11:36am: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes, Announcements**

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the November and December meetings are approved.

#### **11:36am-12:13pm: Strengthening collaboration between CSG and SRAC**

Summary: Chair Inglehart introduces Central Student Government (CSG) President Veal and Vice President Korn. President Veal provides an overview of the structure of CSG. There are three branches- the executive, legislature, and judiciary. A high portion of their budget goes to student organizations.

A member asks the guests what relationship CSG has with the labor unions on campus? President Veal indicates their relationship with the unions and describes that of Rackham Student Government as well.

Chair Inglehart provides the guests with an update on the issues the committee has identified with the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities (SSRR). Due to the recent history and some of the issues identified, the SRAC committee has been considering initiating the off-cycle amendment process of the SSRR. This would require approval from VP Harmon, as well as CSG, in addition to the SRAC committee.

Further context is provided to the guests and committee members. The timeline is shared. The amendments need to be completed and submitted in late February or early March. It is



indicated that there would be a desire for CSG and SRAC to be aligned on their proposals prior to submission.

The committee discusses if this should be submitted to current President Grasso or wait for it to be submitted to President-elect Syverud. The tight timeline suggests that only a few key points should be addressed in this session of the amendment process. The committee discusses several specific areas of the SSRR that they would wish to direct their focus. The main areas of focus would be:

1. Strengthen and restore due process
2. Make sure that the language in the SSRR matches the current procedure in OSCR.

The guests are asked for their thoughts on this matter. The guests indicate that they would like to see the proposal and share it with their leadership team prior to deciding whether to agree to an off-cycle amendment process. They indicate that they have received fewer concerns from the student body in recent months regarding the SSRR. They indicate that they are pleased that the Regents reinstated the appeals process. They indicate that there have been varying opinions shared with CSG regarding the SSRR. They indicate that they are very invested that students are given due process. Resolutions related to the SSRR by CSG are highlighted.

CSG is set to meet with leaders of the Office of Student Accountability in the coming weeks to learn more about their work. It is noted that there will be new leadership taking over in Central Student Government on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, which creates timeline issues for the off-cycle amendment process.

The committee discusses a contingency plan in the event that it is determined that an off-cycle amendment process will not take place. The committee would submit a statement that lays out their concerns and recommendations. A member suggests that it could be a joint statement with CSG and OVPSL. The statement could be shared with President-elect Syverud to indicate that the ongoing practices have not been the norm, and that there is a desire of the committee to improve the revise the process. A committee member agrees and indicates that there cannot be a loss of institutional memory.

The guests are thanked for their participation in the meeting and exit.

Action: Discussion

### **12:13pm-12:49pm: How to make the conflict resolution process more transparent: Considerations for off-cycle amendments to SSRR**

Summary: The conversation on potential action related to the SSRR continues. The committee is asked to consider whether they wish to pursue an off-cycle amendment process or send a statement to university leadership. The committee discusses the steps that would take place for each process. Discussion continues on what each of the processes could accomplish.

The off-cycle amendment process does not require the same steps as an on-cycle amendment process. It only requires approval of CSG, SRAC chair and the VP for Student Life. The last off-cycle amendment process is discussed. It was to address needs during



Covid. Off cycle amendments are meant to allow for changes during a critical moment.

A member indicates a need for written and publicly available policies for OSCR and OSA. Chair Inglehart received statistics shared by Director Wessel after the last meeting, and she will share those with the committee.

A member voices their concern regarding losing institutional memory under the new policy that committee members cannot serve on the same committee consecutively. They highlight the SSRR as being something that requires this type of continued memory.

Chair Inglehart lays out the primary areas of the SSRR that she believes are most critical to address. These include:

1. Allowing the accused the right to a student panel if they choose.
2. Identify and define the factfinder in the SSRR.
3. The appeals board must be made aware of the final decision after their recommendation is given.

Chair Inglehart will create and distribute a survey to the committee members. The survey will allow the members to offer their thoughts on how the committee should proceed. The survey will be completed and disseminated soon, with a deadline of a week after this meeting.

Action: Discussion

### **12:49pm-12:55pm: Student Life Updates and current issues**

Summary: VP Harmon provides an update:

- A new religious accommodation in the classroom policy was implemented this past Fall term. There is currently a committee that is reviewing the policy and its rollout and is working to strengthen the policy. This committee was formed the Provost's Office and OVPSL.
- The Spectrum Center will be hosting the Queer and Trans Research Symposium on [March 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm-5:30pm](#). This is the second iteration of the symposium, and they hope to make it an annual event.
- Wolverine Wellness has a new Director- Joy Pehlke. Pehlke has been with Wolverine Wellness for over a decade.
- The Hadley Center Sports Center on the corner of Washtenaw and Geddes Avenue is expected to open in the next few months after a slight delay in construction.

Action: Updates

### **12:55pm: Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

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