

To: SACUA

From: Luke McCarthy, Director, Faculty Senate Office

Subject: Director's Report on Faculty Senate Office Activities

Date: May 8, 2026

Faculty Senate Office Activities

Since the last report on April 3, 2026, the FSO continues to be productive:

- Assisted the 18 SA committee chairs with final committee meetings and drafting of annual committee reports
- Assisted SACUA with the election of a new SACUA Chair and Vice Chair.
- Provided onboarding support for the new SACUA Chair, such as keycard access to the Faculty Senate Office.
- Provided logistical support for the following events:
 - April 8th Clinical Faculty / Faculty Senate Dialogue session.
 - An April 9th luncheon with Senate Assembly representatives, Senate Assembly committee members, and University executive officers and their staff.
 - A University Senate meeting on April 27th.
- 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 exploring the potential of a year publication that might gather and publicize the activities of the Faculty Senate.
- Assisted the Senate Assembly nominations committee with final work on nominations of members to serve on the SA's committees next year.
- Received and prepared nomination packets for the annual faculty awards
- Assisted SACUA with various website and email group changes to process the annual change of SACUA's membership and leadership on May 1st.
- Began the FSO's annual staff review process.

FSO Director Activities

- Assisted the SACUA Chair with Senate Chair communications to the Faculty Senate.
- Assisted the SACUA Chair in various meetings, including with the President and the Provost.
- Assisted the SACUA Chair and Vice Chair in a meeting of the Working Group on Public Health, with Chief Health Officer Rob Ernst.
- Assisted the SACUA Chair with onboarding meetings of new SACUA members.
- Assisted SRAC with amendment proposals for a potential off-cycle amendment process of the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

- Assisted the SACUA Chair with organizing a series of meetings on April 23rd in Lansing including faculty senate leadership drawn from higher education institutions from across the state. Also assisted with a strategy session with state-wide faculty senate leaders on April 21st.
- Assisted the movants of seven University Senate motions in formatting motions and presenting them at the University Senate meeting on April 27th.
- Participated as a member of the Well-Being Navigation Action Team considering how easy it is for UM community members to find and navigate resources that support wellbeing.
- Assisted faculty with the performance of the annual AEC evaluation of administrators.
- Attended the Wallenberg event, “Is There a Path Forward? Two Views from the Gaza Border,” on April 14, 2026.

SACUA Actions

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

- On April 28th, SACUA appointed the following faculty to serve on the Standing Judicial Committee:
 - 3-year appointments:
 - **Marita Inglehart**, University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor, Professor of Dentistry, Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine, School of Dentistry
 - **Farina Mir**, Arthur F Thurnau Professor, Professor in the Honors Program and Professor of History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
 - **Rebekah Modrak**, Professor of Art and Design, Penny W Stamps School of Art and Design
 - **Damani Partridge**, Professor of Anthropology and Professor of Afroamerican and African Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
 - **David Potter**, Francis W Kelsey Collegiate Professor of Greek and Roman History, Arthur F Thurnau Professor and Professor of Greek and Latin, Department of Classical Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
 - **Sarita Schoenebeck**, Professor of Information, School of Information
 - **Michael Thouless**, Arthur F Thurnau Professor, Janine Johnson Weins Professor of Engineering and Professor of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering
 - 2-year appointments:
 - **Tom Braun**, Professor of Biostatistics, School of Public Health
 - **Colleen Conway**, Professor of Music Education, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

- **Bruno Giordani**, Professor of Psychiatry, Professor of Neurology, Chief Psychologist, Medical School, Professor of Psychology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and Adjunct Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing
- **Claire Kalpakjian**, Associate Chair, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Medical School
- **Murali Mani**, Professor of Computer Science, College of Innovation and Technology, The University of Michigan-Flint
- **Ellen Muehlberger**, Richard Hudson Research Professor of History, Professor of History, Professor of Middle East Studies and Professor of Classical Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
- **Basit Zafar**, Reuben Kempf Professor of Economics, Professor of Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and Faculty Associate, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research

University Senate Actions

Between regular meetings, the University Senate has performed the following actions by electronic vote that should be included in the University Senate minutes:

- On April 30, 2026, the University Senate voted electronically to approve the following seven motions:
 - [Motion 1: Resolution Calling for Support for Faculty and Staff Childcare Needs](#)
 - Results: Yes, 1863 (87.9%); No, 256 (12.1%); Abstain, 217 – Motion PASSED
 - [Motion 2: A Call for GenAI-Free Zones](#)
 - Results: Yes, 1711 (82.8%); No, 356 (17.2%); Abstain, 269 – Motion PASSED
 - [Motion 3: Resolution on the use of Early Decision Admissions](#)
 - Results: Yes, 1364 (76.3%); No, 424 (23.7%), Abstain, 548 – Motion PASSED
 - [Motion 4: Resolution in Support of Intersex, Transgender, and Gender-Diverse Students: Inclusive Athletics and Alignment with University Values](#)
 - Results: Yes, 1299 (69.4%); No, 572 (30.6%); Abstain, 465 – Motion PASSED
 - [Motion 5: Resolution to Offer Tuition Support to Faculty](#)
 - Results: Yes, 1961 (90.3%); No, 211 (9.7%); Abstain, 164 – Motion PASSED
 - [Motion 6: Resolution to Reject Collaboration with the Senior Service College Fellowship Program](#)
 - Results: Yes, 1440 (77.7%); No, 413 (22.3%); Abstain, 483 – Motion PASSED

- [Motion 7: Motion to Update Research Track Faculty Senate Membership Language](#)
 - Results: Yes, 1713 (92.1%); No, 147 (7.9%); Abstain, 476 – Motion PASSED