

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs
Monday, May 4, 2026, 3:00pm

The hybrid meeting was held in 2010 Ruthven and via Zoom

Minutes: 05/04/2026

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Present:

Kentaro Toyama (Chair), Meaghan Blanchard (FSO), Jesse Capecelatro, Kirsten Herold, Kim Kearfott, Ann Marshall (FSO), Luke McCarthy (FSO), Derek Peterson, Rogério Meireles Pinto (Senate Secretary), Soumya Rangarajan, Michael Schubnell, Melanie Tanielian

Absent:

Steven Buchman

Meeting Minutes:

3:03 - 4:00 pm: Executive Session

- This agenda item was in Executive Session and no minutes were taken.

4:00 pm - 5:17 pm: Formal Session

- Prior to the start of the 4 pm agenda item, a proposal was made to change the status of the remainder of the meeting agenda to Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved. The rest of the meeting was held in Executive Session and no additional minutes were taken. During this discussion, SACUA member Derek Peterson recused himself.

5:17 pm: Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Rogério Meireles Pinto
Faculty Senate Secretary

ADDENDUM

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 of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 5.02:

Governing Bodies in Schools and Colleges

Sec. 4.01 The University Senate

"...[t]he Senate is authorized to consider any subject pertaining to the interests of the university, and to make recommendations to the Board of Regents in regard thereto. Decisions of the University Senate with respect to matters within its jurisdiction shall constitute the binding action of the university faculties. Jurisdiction over academic polices shall reside in the faculties of the various schools and colleges, but insofar as actions by the several faculties affect university policy as a whole, or schools and colleges other than the one in which they originate, they shall be brought before the University Senate."

Rules of the University Senate, the Senate Assembly and the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs:

Senate: "In all cases not covered by rules adopted by the Senate, the procedure in Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed."

Assembly: "The Assembly may adopt rules for the transaction of its business. In appropriate cases not covered by rules of the Assembly, the rules of the University Senate shall apply."

SACUA: "The committee may adopt rules for the transaction of its business."