



**Academic Evaluation Committee (AEC) Minutes:  
March 16, 2026, at 11:00 am – 12:00 pm (regular meeting), via zoom**

**Meeting Information:**

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Present: Ashu Tripathi (Chair), Audrey Bennett, Eric Beuerlein, Mihai Burzo, Brian Cors (ITS), Chris Gardner, James Gulvas, Luke McCarthy (FSO), Hari Nathan, Priya Mahadevan (ITS), Ann Marshall (FSO), Patricia Kang Geun Shin, Deirdre Spencer, Tillman-Meakins

Absent: Ivo Dinov, Bobby Madamanchi

**Minutes:**

- The meeting was called to order and the prior meeting minutes were approved.
- AEC survey launch update
  - a. The survey launched on March 10th with about 460 (5%) responses to date. The email from President Grasso will be sent tomorrow and a [faculty survey reminder](#) will be published in the Record. One survey ticket has been submitted so far -- a faculty accidentally skipped assessing their dean and chair. Priya was able to allow them to retake the survey.
  - b. Prior to the launch, a U-M Dearborn administrator contacted FSO/ITS stating they were listed in the survey as chair, but are actually an associate dean. ITS was able to reach out to UM-Dearborn HR and they were able to remedy the error.
  - c. It was noted that interim administrators are included in the survey if they fit the survey requirements, i.e. are in their interim role at the data pull date.
- Discussion of publicizing the survey results
  - a. A faculty shared interest in having the survey results be shared more widely. It was suggested that SACUA might assist with the project. An anecdote was also shared that one department had very high response rates because of department-level encouragement to take the survey. AEC could choose to reach out to the Daily or Record for additional publicity. Faculty are welcome to advertise the survey on their social media accounts. Each survey link is unique to the faculty, and it is not helpful to forward a survey link.
- ITS walkthrough of last year's AEC results website (Tableau)
  - a. The AEC survey results are prepared by ITS team member Chris Gardner with use of Tableau. Chris' first task is to monitor the survey response rate when the survey is live.
  - b. Calculating the Median is not straightforward since the scale is 1 to 5 instead of 0 to 5. Data clean-up is an important part of Chris' work.
  - c. Chris also creates a summary of open-ended responses for the provosts and presidents with AI. The AI summary is delivered to provosts/presidents along with the raw results. This qualitative data is destroyed after the administrator review period as required by the survey's confidentiality policy.
  - d. The 2026 survey include some adjustments in the wording of questions (e.g. DEI questions), and the old questions should still map to the new questions for year-to-year data comparison.
- Discussion of plans for extra review of AEC survey results before release
  - a. A new step will be added this year such that AEC survey results will be reviewed before



being published on the AEC website. This review will take place from roughly end of May until sometime in June.

- b. FSO Director Luke McCarthy shared that he appreciates this added review and that he will work with the incoming 2026-2027 SACUA Chair (begins May 1) to facilitate the review.
- Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Marshall, Faculty Governance Coordinator (FSO)