

Secretary of the University Advisory Committee (SAC) Minutes for 4/27/26 Meeting

Meeting information:

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Members present: Francine Dolins (Chair), Liz Rohan, Barbara Klein, Jonathan Shillingford, John Tropman, Vilma Mesa (SACUA Liaison), VP Jon Kinsey

Members absent: Samantha Kreklau, Rashmi Rama, Beth Wilensky, Jay Winkler,

Faculty Senate Office staff present: Meaghan Blanchard

Minutes:

11:05: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes, Announcements

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the 4/6/26 meeting are approved.

11:07: Updates from VP Kinsey and Discussion on Presidential Search

Summary: VP Kinsey updates the committee on the unfortunate news regarding President-Elect Kent Syverud. The committee sends their well wishes to president-elect Kent Syverud. The committee thanks President Elect Syverud for his transparency and President Grasso for his willingness to continue with the university.

The committee discusses the new presidential search that is soon to take place. More information regarding the search will come shortly. Updates on this search will be posted regularly to the Regent's website.

VP Kinsey asks for feedback around how information was shared regarding President-Elect Syverud's diagnosis, President Grasso's continued tenure. VP Kinsey also asks for advice and input regarding the presidential search that is soon to take place.

A committee member suggests that President-Elect Syverud be an integral part of the new presidential search if he is willing.

A committee member expresses concern over how the continued search for a new president will impact the Dearborn campus, especially in its search for a new Chancellor, issues regarding merit increases, and office space.

Committee members ask several procedural questions about the presidential search.

A committee member recommends that information regarding these processes be very transparent to calm any anxieties U-M stakeholders might be having.

Action: Discussion

11:30: Regental Bylaw update project

Summary: The committee discusses the regental bylaw update project, including new feedback from SACUA.

The committee agrees that work on this should be delayed until a new president is in office.

The committee agrees that more information about why bylaws were added, their historical context, and the impact of certain changes should be researched before a process like this begins.

Action: Discussion

11:55: Topics for future SAC meeting

Summary: A committee member recommends creating a yearly report that focuses on the impact of the committee.

A committee member suggests coming up with strategies on how to better communicate research initiatives.

VP Kinsey thanks the committee for a very productive year. Chair Dolins thanks VP Kinsey for his willingness to engage and communicate with the committee.

Action: Discussion

12:02: Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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