

To: SACUA

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Subject: Director's Report on Faculty Senate Office Activities

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Faculty Senate Office Activities

Since the last report on September 25, 2026, the FSO continues to be productive:

- Assisted Senate Assembly committee chairs with the logistics of Senate Assembly committee meetings. In particular, there is considerable activity related to scheduling guests over the coming year to meet with committees.
- Assisted the Faculty Senate Chair with various communications, including the September chair's newsletter sent to the Faculty Senate.
- Continued updating the Senate Assembly page and roster, as a few remaining college/school elections are concluded. Made an improvement to the published Senate Assembly roster to better note that SACUA members with continuing terms as elected representatives for their college/school are also SACUA members (thanks to SACUA member Soumya Rangarajan for sparking this improvement).
- Maintained the Faculty Senate website.
- Worked on a review of future meetings schedules in relation to holidays to double check avoidance of religious holidays whenever possible.
- The FSO prepared a preliminary draft of "A Review of Medical Leave Policies at Peer Institutions" that was shared with EVP Hewlett by the FAAC Chair.

FSO Director Activities

- Assisted the Faculty Senate Chair in various meetings, including with President Grasso and SACUA member Derek Peterson to discuss the ABIA.
- Assisted the DMNC with planning for this year's DMN lecture and later DMN events.
- Assisted the AEC with the logistics of the annual evaluation of administrators.
- Met with Angie Stewart, the newly hired restorative practices project manager at the ECRT.
- Met with members of CAR and SRAC to discuss the possibility of listening sessions with student groups.
- Met with staff at the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology in preparation for the faculty mixer being held at the museum on October 9th.
- Assisted the Faculty Senate Chair with efforts to schedule several university leaders for future Senate Assembly and SACUA meetings.
- Assisted the Faculty Senate Chair with efforts related to draft revisions for the model faculty grievance procedure.

- Began a certification process, through the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP), to gain a Registered Parliamentarian credential (depending on passage of a future exam).
- Assisted the Librarian, Archivist, and Curator members of the Faculty Senate by administering their election of a new LAC representative in the Senate Assembly.
- Assisted the Faculty Senate Chair and the Chair of the Student Relations Advisory Committee (SRAC) in discussions with the CSG leadership regarding potential off-cycle amendments. Following those discussions, all the SRAC proposals for amendments to the Student Statement of Rights and Responsibilities were forwarded to President Grasso and the VP of Student Life, Martino Harmon, with the approval of the CSG President, for consideration for adoption.
- Coordinated with the leadership of Central Student Government (CSG) and Rackham Student Government (RSG) in the appointment of student representatives to select Senate Assembly committees (at the request of the chairs for those committees):
 - Communications Advisory Committee (CAC)
 - Information Technology Committee (ITC)
 - Student Relations Advisory Committee (SRAC)
 - New committee merging the following: Committee on the Economic and Social Well-Being of the Faculty and the Committee for Fairness, Equity, and Inclusion—**now provisionally named by the committee members as the “Committee for Faculty Wellbeing and Justice,” pending possible future Senate Assembly approval.**
 - Davis, Markert, and Nickerson Academic Freedom Lecture Committee (DMNC)

Senate Assembly Actions

The Senate Assembly minutes should reflect that on September 25, 2026, the Librarian, Archivist, and Curator members of the Faculty Senate, with the administrative assistance of the Faculty Senate Office, elected to the Senate Assembly the following faculty member for a three-year term:

- Kayla Abner, Digital Scholarship Specialist, University Library