

Minutes of November 2, 2015 SACUA
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA)
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Present: Fagerlin, Lehman, Mondro, Schultz (Vice Chair), Szymanski, Weineck (Chair),
Wright, Ziff

Absent: Smith, Potter (Interim Secretary)

Press: Michigan Daily, University Record

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Draft SACUA Agenda
2. Draft SACUA Minutes of October 12, 2015
3. Draft November 16 Senate Assembly Agenda
4. Faculty Governance Conference Time-line and Topic List for the March Faculty Governance Conference
5. Draft SPG Professional Standards

3:15 Chair Weineck called the meeting to order at 3:18 and the draft agenda was approved.

3:16 CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 12, 2015 were approved with minor changes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was agreed that agenda topics Status Reports and Liaison Reports would be included on each future agenda.

Professor Lehman asked if SACUA had received the number of complaints at the Office for Institutional Equity (OIE). SACUA agreed that once a semester or twice a year would be a reasonable number of times to make that request.

SACUA COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Vice Chair Schultz suggested that SACUA liaisons be responsible for minutes of their committees.

Chair Weineck asked for SACUA committee liaison reports.

Professor Szymanski reported on the General Counsel Advisory Committee. The General Counsel was uncertain if the Professional Standards SPG issue was appropriate for review by his committee. Most of the meeting time was devoted to student misconduct and due process for respondent's issues.

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Professor Ziff reported that the new Information Technology Committee (ITC) has a very serious chair and plans to meet soon with Chief Information Officer Laura Patterson. SACUA asked Professor Ziff to encourage the committee to form a formal relationship with Laura Patterson.

Professor Ziff said that faculty members of the Financial Affairs Advisory Committee (FAAC) participated directly in the search for a new associate vice president for finance by interviewing a short list of four interviewees.

Vice Chair Schultz said that the Committee on Civil Rights and Liberties (CCRL) will be discussing student sexual misconduct and in particular the limitations on advocates accompanying either complainants or respondents.

Vice Chair Schultz reported that the Communications External Relations Advisory Committee (CERAC) will meet later this week with all three vice presidents but the committees might split into subcommittees after the first meeting.

Professor Lehman reported that Provost Pollack had said there has been no change in the criteria for tenure since she has been provost. Chair Weineck said currently SACUA was most interested in AAAC discussing with Provost Pollack the tenure review process at the provost level.

Professor Fagerlin reported that the Committee for an Inclusive University (CIU) and the Medical Affairs Advisory Committee (MAAC) plan to meet soon.

Professor Wright said that the Committee on the Economic Status of the Faculty (CESF) will also meet soon and there might be a delay in the Regents report.

FOLLOW-UP TO OCTOBER 26 SENATE AND SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

Chair Weineck reported that Provost Pollack was pleased that SACUA and student governance organizations form a committee of three faculty and three students to work out how and when to release course evaluation data in the future. Associate Vice Provost James Holloway will form a committee to decide on the formation of a new evaluation instrument; it will include one representative each from student government and faculty government.

Professor Wright suggested that SACUA invite CSG President Cooper Charlton, and other appropriate student government leaders, to SACUA meetings to consider how the groups can work together on other issues as well. Chair Weineck and SACUA agreed and stated the same should be done for UM-Flint and UM-Dearborn faculty governance leaders.

STUDENT REQUEST TO FORM A COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER DIVESTMENT IN OIL AND COAL

SACUA considered the request of the student-run "Divest and Invest Campaign" currently scheduled as a November 16 Senate Assembly agenda item. Vice Chair Schultz asked whether "natural gas" should be added to the "oil and coal" specified targets. He also asked what kind of faculty will serve on the proposed ad hoc committee, specifically would they be elected faculty?

APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 16 SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The proposed draft November 16 Senate Assembly agenda was approved unanimously without changes.

PREPARATION FOR MARCH FACULTY GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE

Chair Weineck discussed distributed item 4, a time line and topic list for the March faculty governance conference. Topics include: 1) the purview of faculty governance, 2) academic freedom, 3) misconduct, 4) due process, 5) choosing leadership, and 6) Title IX issues. The public will be invited to the talk of keynote speaker Northwestern University Professor Laura Kipnis. President Schlissel and Provost Pollack will be invited to attend the conference in different capacities including possibly introducing the key-note speaker.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

SACUA entered into executive session at 4:35 to discuss various committee memberships.

SACUA came out of executive session at 5:05.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/MATTERS ARISING

There was neither unfinished business nor matters arising.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:10

Respectfully submitted,

T. Schneider
Secretary pro tem

University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Chapter IV:
Sec. 4.01 The University Senate

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