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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING
22 FEBRUARY 2010

Present: Abdo, Andjelkovic-Zochowska, Bielinska, Borer, Brown, Davis, Fauman, Fraser (chair pro tempore), Gest, Green, Hardin, Karni, Kearfott, King, Koopman, Larsen, Lehman, Lusmann, Maher, Norton, Ottaviani, Ortega, Reddy, Rothman, Sheets, Smith, Sohn, Sweeney, Wolfe

Requested Alternate, None Available: Aronoff (Medicine), Bergin (LSA), Geary Music), Giordani (Medicine), Hirshorn (Dearborn), Holland (Dentistry), Horwitz (Law), Jagdish (Engineering), Johnson (Public Health), Lenk Business), Li (Dearborn), Mars (Flint), Miller (Education), Millunchick Engineering), Nassauer (SNRE), Navvab (Arch & Urb Plan), Sharma (Dearborn)

Alternates: Mansfield (Thompson-Engineering), Tolman (Staller-Social Work)

Absent: Adlerstein-Gonzalez, Andre, Barber, Carson, Denver, Dorsey, Ferris, Friesen-Lynn, Frost, Kabamba, Kurashige, Lim, Mueggler, Najita, Navvab, Patil, Poe, Prygoski, Queen, Salesa, Sampson, Shore, Silverman, Soellner, Stark, Sun, Thouless, Trandafirescu, Williams, Yang, Zengulys, Ziff

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Draft Senate Assembly Agenda
2. Draft minutes of the Senate Assembly meeting of 25 January 2010
3. [Minutes of Rules Committee dated 5 February 2010](#)
4. Smoke Free Faculty and Staff Subcommittee Senate Assembly Survey, dated 22 February 2010

Chair Fraser convened the meeting at 3:15 P.M. The proposed agenda was approved.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Senate Assembly meeting of 25 January 2010 meeting were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The SACUA Nominating Committee has developed five nominations for SACUA. The Assembly voted to receive the report from the Nominating Committee, and reserved the opportunity for additional names to be received by 9 March so that the nominees can be announced in the University Record.
2. Professors Rothman, Poe, and Stark are the nominating committee for Senate Secretary. Nominations can be sent to them or to the Faculty Senate office.

3. The Assembly's Academic Freedom Statement has been placed in the Faculty Handbook.
4. An online election is underway for the DPS Oversight Committee. Senate members should vote by visiting <http://aec.umich.edu/dps/>

SENATE ASSEMBLY APPORTIONMENT

The Assembly approved the reapportionment plan submitted by the Rules Committee (distributed item 3) and approved by SACUA.

RETIREE MEMBERS OF SENATE ASSEMBLY

Professor Jones was elected to serve a one-year term as an annuitant member of the Senate Assembly, without vote. Professor Brown was elected to serve a two-year term as annuitant member of the Senate Assembly, without vote.

VISIT OF ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF HR OFFICER LAURITA THOMAS

Ms. Thomas addressed the Assembly at 3:20 P.M. regarding the new Smoke Free Initiative. She distributed a survey and asked members to complete it (distributed item 4). The guest left the meeting at 3:30 P.M.

VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Vice president Wilbanks addressed the Assembly at 3:30 P.M. She described the operation of her office including its history and its interaction with the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR). She stated that 30 of the 38 State Senate members will be retiring this year owing to term limits. She reviewed the status of the State budget and some of its implications for university funding. She also reviewed the status of gun law and stem cell legislation. She completed her prepared remarks at 3:50 P.M. and invited questions.

Professor Rothman asked what fraction of higher education funding from State comes to the U-M compared to other universities. The vice president replied that historically, about 20% of total higher education allocation came to the U-M. This share has declined marginally. The changes are attributable to increased growth of student populations at some other state universities.

Professor Smith asked what would happen at the U-M if the citizens of the State propose a constitutional convention. The vice president replied that the citizens have an opportunity to convene a constitutional convention every 16 years. She pointed out that special interest groups have strong opinions, and that the autonomy of the university could potentially be at risk.

The guest left the meeting at 4:00 P.M.

VISIT OF EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEDICAL AFFAIRS

Vice president Pescovitz addressed the Assembly at 4:00 P.M. She delivered prepared remarks with the aid of a video presentation. She credited the acquisition of the North Campus Research Complex with her decision to come to the U-M. She reviewed the characteristics of the University health system and reported that finances of the health system have stabilized satisfactorily. She outlined her goals for national leadership in medical education and innovation. She concluded her prepared remarks at 4:27 P.M. and invited questions.

In response to questions, the vice president pointed out that the NCRC has a good manufacturing practice facility (GMP) available for pharmaceutical production activities. She added that she welcomes close interactions with the School of Public Health and with Kinesiology, as well, but that she does not know of specific interactions at this time. She said that decisions have not been reached on the full range of activities that will populate the NCRC, and that she would welcome proposals from social scientists, bioethics experts, and others. She invited faculty to consult the recent call for proposals for use of the facilities.

The vice president said that she believes the NCRC can integrate effectively with the new university-wide initiative on sustainability. She added that she is energized by the idea that the NCRC can be employed to partner with private enterprise, and to increase the attractiveness of Michigan to private industry.

The guest left the meeting at 4:55 P.M.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no additional business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

John T. Lehman
Senate Secretary

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

Governing Bodies in Schools and Colleges

In each school, college, or degree granting division of the University, including those at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and at the University of Michigan-Flint, the governing faculty shall be in charge of the affairs of the school, college, or division, except as delegated to the executive committee, if any, and except that in the School of Graduate Studies the governing board shall be the executive board, and in the Medical School shall be the executive faculty.
