

Minutes of 17 May 2010  
Approved 25 October 2010

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING  
17 MAY 2010

**Present:** Abdo, Adlerstein-Gonzalez, Andjelkovic-Zochowska, Aronoff, Barald, Bielinska, Borer, Brown, Carson, Davis, Dorsey, Geary, Gest, Giordani, Jagadish, Johnson, Kearfott, Koopman, Lehman, Lenk, Lim, Lusmann, Norton, Poe, Rothman, Sheets, Silverman, Smith, Soellner, Wolfe

**Requested Alternate, None Available:** Barber (Engineering), Kurashige (LSA), Larsen (LSA), Millunchick (Engineering), Ortega (Social Work), Ottaviani (Information), Queen (LSA), Reddy (Medicine), Staller (Social Work)

**Alternates:** Mansfield (Thompson-Engineering)

**Absent:** Andre, Barber, Bergin, Crane, Denver, Ferris, Friesen-Lynn, Frost, Goldman, Green, Hirshorn, Holland, Jackson, Jones, Kabamba, Karni, King, Li, Maher, Mars, Miller, Mueggler, Najita, Nassauer, Navvab, Ortega, Patil, Prygoski, Salesa, Sharma, Shore, Sohn, Staller, Sun, Sweeney, Trandafirescu, Williams, Yang, Zemgulys, Ziff

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED**

1. Draft Senate Assembly Agenda
2. Draft minutes of the Senate Assembly meeting of 26 April 2010

Chair Rothman convened the meeting at 3:20 P.M. The proposed agenda was approved.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Senate Assembly meeting of 26 April 2010 meeting were approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Mike Welsh will continue as the Central Faculty Ombuds.
2. Volunteers and/or nominations are needed for the Senate Assembly Committees for 2010-11.

**UNIVERSITY SENATE SECRETARY ELECTION**

Ballots listing the two candidates - John Lehman and Bob Fraser – were distributed to the membership. Ron Lomax, Peter Lenk and Mike Welsh were asked to act as the tellers. Ballots were collected and given to the tellers who counted: 14 votes for John Lehman and 14 votes for Bob Fraser. Chair Rothman announced that since there was a tie, SACUA, in its next meeting, will determine an interim secretary until an election can be conducted in September at the Senate meeting.

## CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT DISCUSSION

Gina Poe, Vice Chair of SACUA, lead a discussion of the following draft resolution for consideration by the Assembly:

*Whereas the Rackham Graduate School has announced a policy whereby a fee equivalent to one-quarter of the prevailing candidacy rate would be associated with reinstatement for each semester of missed enrollment, and*

*Whereas Members of the Senate expressed their preference through the 2009 Administration Evaluation Process (<http://aec.umich.edu>) that a re-registration fee of no more than \$100 is all that should be assessed when a student returns from an absence not endorsed by Rackham, and*

*Whereas the Senate is authorized to consider any subject pertaining to the interests of the university, and to make recommendations to the Board of Regents in regard thereto,*

*Therefore, the University Senate recommends to the Board of Regents that a re-registration fee of no more than \$100 is all that should be assessed when a student returns from an absence not endorsed by Rackham.*

There are a number of concerns by faculty for continuous enrollment and a re-registration fee imposed on students:

1. Students supported by sponsored research would have to pay the fee from their own pockets, since sponsored research funds cannot be used for items not incurred by the grant, i.e. students not working on during a particular time period cannot be retrospectively paid for tuition during that time period.
2. Students who are dissatisfied with their progress in a particular faculty member's laboratory and do not enroll.
3. ED: I NEED YOUR HELP ON THE THIRD ITEM.

## ANNUAL REPORT BY CHARLIE KOOPMAN, CHAIR OF STUDENT RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SRAC):

C. Koopman reported that SRAC was very busy this year working on the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities (SSRR) revision which occurs every third year in conjunction with the Office of Student Conflict Resolution (OSCR) and General Counsel.

## ANNUAL REPORT BY FRED ASKARI, CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMIC STATUS OF FACULTY (CESF):

F. Askari reported that there are currently three problems facing the faculty regarding compensation and benefits:

1. transparency in decision making
2. autonomy from the State government
3. avoiding pay cuts via benefit shifts

He also reported that the University needs to enhance compensation, benefits and the environment for faculty for a number of reasons: 1) some new faculty are not coming to the University because of lower salary and potentially decreasing and missing benefits; 2) competitors are stealing faculty away and 3) 50% of current faculty will be eligible for retirement in 2013, meaning that the University will need to provide an attractive environment to recruit faculty.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

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ACTION OF SENATE ASSEMBLY 051710-1

Based on the discussion regarding the proposed committee to study all aspects of continuous enrollment formulated by the Senate, John Carson proposed the following resolution:

We resolve that the Dean of the Rackham Graduate School be requested to provide all non-confidential information collected from the university's various schools, departments, and programs evaluating and responding to Rackham's continuous enrollment proposal. We also request a summary of Rackham's own deliberations over the continuous enrollment proposal.

Vote on the Active Motion-  
Number Approving - 30  
Number Disapproving - 0  
Abstentions - 0

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Carr  
SACUA Support

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**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.

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