

Minutes of 22 October 2012 Senate Assembly Meeting
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING
22 October 2012

Present: Adler, Adlerstein-Gonzalez, Armitage, Barolo, Biteen, Booth, Boxer, Bradley, Campbell, Cotera, Custer, DiPietro, Fagerlin, Fenno, Folger, Gumucio, Hayes, Hershovitz, Holland, Hollingsworth, Jenckes, Jones, Katapodi, Kearfott (Chair), Kee, Koopmann, Lehman, Mansfield, Masten, Moore, Mora, Muehlberger, Mutschler, Odetola, Oey, Panda Zayas, Poulsen, Primus, Princen, Prygoski, Ryan, Sarma, Schriber, Silveira, Staller, Thornton, von Buelow, West, Wright, Ziff

Requested Alternate, None Available: Atkins (Engineering), Barald (Medicine), Bayraktar (LSA), Cervetti (Education), Danziger (Social Work), Larsen (LSA), Nevett (LSA), Pipe (Engineering), Sept (Engineering), Wong (Medicine), Young (Engineering)

Alternates: Inglehart (Bradley-Dentistry), McElwain (Johnson-LSA), Myers (Westlake-Music, Theatre, Dance)

Absent: Ahbel-Rappe, Brown, Christman, Hirshorn, Kao, Koopman, Lu, Shah, Sonnega, Szymanski, Thompson, Trandafirescu

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Senate Assembly Agenda
2. Draft minutes of the 24 September 2012 Senate Assembly meeting
3. Format for Regent Candidates' Forum
4. 'The Constitutional Meaning of Academic Freedom' by R. C. Post. Academic Freedom Lecture announcement.

Chair Kearfott convened the meeting at 3:25 P.M.

AGENDA

The proposed agenda was approved.

MINUTES

The minutes of 24 September 2012 were approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. On 31 October Professor George Cohen, Professor of Law and chair of the faculty senate at the University of Virginia, will discuss the leadership crisis at UVA earlier this year.
2. Robert Post, Dean of the Yale Law School, will discuss Academic Freedom and the Constitution on 1 November (distributed item 4).

REGENT CANDIDATES FORUM

Regular business was suspended in order for the Assembly to host a question and answer forum for candidates for the UM Board of Regents. Candidates Bernstein (D), Borregard (Green), Ryder Diggs (D), and Steele (R) attended the forum. Questions submitted by faculty were read to candidates by the Assembly chair, and each candidate was offered an opportunity to respond, with individual responses limited to one minute.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

John T. Lehman
Senate Secretary

University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 4.01:

The University Senate

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. Decisions of the University Senate with respect to matters within its jurisdiction shall constitute the binding action of the university faculties.

University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 4.04:

The Senate Assembly

The Senate Assembly shall serve as the legislative arm of the senate.

The assembly shall have power to consider and advise regarding all matters within the jurisdiction of the University Senate which affect the functioning of the university as an institution of higher learning, which concern its obligations to the state and to the community at large, and which relate to its internal organization insofar as such matters of internal organization involve general questions of educational policy.

Rules of the University Senate, the Senate Assembly and the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs: In all cases not covered by rules adopted by the Senate, the procedure in Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed.