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APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2012

Present: Kearfott (Vice Chair), Koopmann, Lehman (Senate Secretary), Lusmann, Rothman, Staller; Carr, Mouton, Schneider

Absent: Barald (Chair), Goldman, Larsen

Guests: Provost Phil Hanlon, Dean Janet Weiss

Press: University Record (Jamie Iseler), AnnArbor.com (Kellie Woodhouse), Michigan Daily

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Draft SACUA agenda
2. Draft minutes of the February 6, 2012 meeting
3. *2012 Timeline for DPS Oversight Committee non-Senate Faculty Elections*
4. *Procedures for the Nomination and Election of the Senate Representative to the University of Michigan Department of Public Safety Oversight Committee* dated February 8, 2010
5. Draft SACUA resolution regarding UMHS external review

The meeting was convened by Vice Chair Kearfott at 3:15 p.m. and the agenda was approved.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 6, 2011 were approved with changes

SACUA RESOLUTION ON UMHS

SACUA discussed the recent Board of Regents' action establishing an external review of the UMHS incident.

SACUA Action 02202012-1 (approved unanimously)

SACUA supports the U of M Regents' call for an external review of the alleged child pornography case at UMHS and also supports all fact-finding external investigations that seek

to identify factors surrounding the incident and its initial investigation, as well as the delay in reporting.

Professor Staller expressed concern that the focus of the investigation to date has been the criminal issue but it has ignored the compounding issue of potential patient/doctor relationships with child pornography and a licensed, practicing pediatrician. It was agreed that Professors Staller, Kearfott and Rothman would discuss this further as a subcommittee.

Guest Provost Hanlon arrived at 3:35 PM.

VISIT OF GUEST PROVOST HANLON

Provost Hanlon stated that admission applications are up approximately 10% from 38,000 last year to 41,600 this year. Professor Rothman asked if the quality of applications is maintained. Provost Hanlon said that high school GPAs and standardized test scores are higher. Dean Weiss reported that the Rackham Graduate School applications are up approximately 6% this year. Provost Hanlon said that there are 213 tenure promotion packages.

Provost Hanlon stated that the new State of Michigan higher education budget recommendations help the three research universities (Michigan, Michigan State, Wayne State) least of all. The University's budget allocation from the state is up 1.4% in the Governor's recommended budget. A portion of the budget formula rewards increases in undergraduate degree completions but the University's graduation rate is 90% so there is very little room to improve from such a high beginning level.

Professor Lusmann asked whether increasing the ratio of out-of-state students to in-state is feasible. Provost Hanlon said that there is no definite ratio agreed upon with the state but that some individual state legislators have very strong feelings against increasing the out-of-state ratio.

Professor Rothman asked whether recurring costs will be manageable in the future as well as now. Provost Hanlon stated that he is proud of what has been done so far in managing the budget but that more needs to be done on the cost side. He said the next capital campaign will be key. Provost Hanlon said that protecting the academic enterprise has been and will continue to be the highest priority of the University. He said generally he is not in favor of down-sizing units because of the breadth they offer but that the University will look carefully at centers and institutes that no longer function as intended.

Professor Lehman asked whether there were new developments from the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC). Provost Hanlon said that the chief financial officers of the CIC schools are investigating whether they can obtain economies of scale by combining their purchasing power.

Guest Provost Hanlon left the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business

The guests and news reporters left the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

SACUA discussed issues concerning the Faculty Hearing Committee

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

T. Schneider
SACUA Office Staff

Board of Regents of the University of Michigan Bylaws *Sec. 4.01 The University Senate*

“... [t]he 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. Jurisdiction over academic policies shall reside in the faculties of the various schools and colleges, but insofar as actions by the several faculties affect university policy as a whole, or schools and colleges other than the one in which they originate, they shall be brought before the University Senate.”