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### **MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF APRIL 1, 2013**

**Present:** R. Goldman, R. Holland, K. Kearfott (Chair), C. Koopmann, F. Larsen, S. Masten, S. Oey, K. Staller (Vice Chair); L. Carr, T. Schneider

**Absent:** K. Barald, J. Lehman (Senate Secretary)

**Guests:** Phil Hanlon, Provost; Stephanie Riegle, Chief of Staff of the Provost; Janet Weiss, EVP of Academic Affairs, Provost

**Press:** Aaron Guggenheim - Michigan Daily; Kevin Brown - University Record; Kelly Woodhouse – Ann Arbor.com

#### **MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED**

1. Draft SACUA agenda for April 1, 2013
2. Draft of SACUA minutes dated March 25, 2013
3. Draft Senate Assembly agenda dated April 15, 2013
4. Draft “Statement on Diversity”

The meeting was convened by Chair Kearfott at 3:10 pm.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

The agenda and the minutes of March 25, 2013 with a minor correction were approved.  
The Senate Assembly agenda dated April 15, 2013 were approved.

#### **LIAISON REPORTS**

The Committee on the Economic Status of the Faculty was given permission to report to the Regents in November according to K. Kearfott. The voice of past reports spoke to the Provosts; not the Regents.

The Committee on University Values has been working on a white paper regarding the search for a new university president according to K. Staller.

The Communications Advisory Committee has been working on international rankings according

to R. Goldman.

The Faculty Perspectives Publication Committee has never met according to K. Staller.

The Government Relations Advisory Committee report was also given by S. Oey. She has been only able to attend one meeting.

The Student Relations Advisory Committee has been involved with student harassment which is part of the Statement on Student Rights and Responsibilities per C. Koopmann.

The Secretary of the University Advisory Committee report was given by S. Oey. The completion of the SPG on bullying has been difficult since several recent meetings have been cancelled.

Chair Kearfott pointed out that all SACUA liaisons end as of April 30. Even though she will no longer be chair after April 30, she would like to see the Tenure Committee start to begin work on other matters.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The results of the affordability workshop at the recent Senate Assembly meeting will be distributed to SACUA and the press.
2. Regent Diggs will be the guest at the April 8, 2013 SACUA meeting. The meeting will start at 4:30 pm because of the Regent Diggs' schedule.

#### ARRIVAL OF GUESTS

Provost Hanlon and Stephanie Riegle arrived at 3:30 pm. Phil stated that the last ten years have been fabulous, even with the tough financial environment. He has two questions he would appreciate SACUA considering and giving him answers when he next meets with them.

1. What does the University need to do to keep things going? Please give 2-3 items that SACUA feels are most important.
2. Looking at the total higher education landscape, comparing the public and private environments, and considering affordability and access, how do you see the future for public's and privates?

SACUA will think about these questions and report to Provost Hanlon when he meets with them again (April 22, 2013).

Phil reported that his office is in the middle of the promotion and tenure season. His office reads all of the promotion and tenure cases. Though it may only happen with 4-5 cases each year, there are cases which are close calls. The office contacts the school for a further discussion. Most disagreements revolve around the quality of scholarly production or quality of teaching. There are more cases where the office has questions as to how a decision was achieved.

If a faculty member doesn't achieve tenure, the Tenure and Promotions panel writes the report, which goes to the unit and then to faculty member.

The Provost's office had the last budget meeting today. Recommendations will go to the Regents in June. K. Staller asked about the budget and was told by Phil that the budget is on track.

SACUA asked several questions (Q) and they were answered by Phil (A):

1. Q - Will there be a financial penalty to the University in the recent insider trading case?

A – Hadn't heard that there will be a penalty.

2. Q – Is there a university-wide conflict of interest policy?

A – Perhaps someone like the General Counsel should be asked this question.

3. Q – Is there training for faculty in case they ever encounter an active shooter?

A – DPS will present information on request.

4. Q – Has the University considered the possibility of selling off capital holdings to cover costs?

A – Not for financial reasons; only if the holding no longer serves the core mission of the University.

5. Q – Has the LSA Dean search been concluded?

A – It is currently ongoing.

The guests left at 3:58 pm.

THE STATEMENT ON DIVERSITY (Item #4 in Materials Distributed List)

SACUA discussed the document and raised several questions or need for clarification.

ACTION OF SACUA 040113-1

Motion made by Rachel Goldman and seconded by Charlie Koopmann to table the Statement.

Motion denied with four against and two yeas.

There was further discussion to send the Statement to the Committee for an Inclusive University, ask for input from General Counsel, and talk to the various people connected to the programs mentioned in the Statement.

ACTION OF SACUA 040113-2

Motion made by Sally Oey and seconded by Rachel Goldman to send the Statement back to the Committee on University Values with comments for further work. Carried unanimously.

ACTION OF SACUA 040113-3

Motion made by Rex Holland and seconded by Rachel Goldman to remove the Item for Action – Approval of the Diversity Statement from University Values and Inclusive University committees from the Senate Assembly agenda of April 15, 2013. Carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Carr, SACUA Office Staff

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“... [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 polices 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.”