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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2012

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

Absent: Lusmann

Guests: Howard Markel (George E Wantz, M.D. Professor of History of Medicine; Professor of Pediatrics & Communicable Diseases; Director, Center for History of Medicine; Professor of Psychiatry, Medical School, Professor of History, LSA), Gary Krenz (Special Counsel to the President), Donica Varner (Associate General Counsel), Kelly Cunningham (Director of Public Affairs), Sally Oey (SACUA Member-elect), Scott Masten (SACUA Member-elect), and Janet Weiss (Vice Provost and Dean of Rackham School of Graduate Studies)

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

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Revised Draft Agenda
2. Draft Minutes of the March 26, 2012 meeting and draft minutes with Provost Hanlon's comments
3. Draft Senate Assembly for April 16, 2012
5. University of Michigan Bicentennial Planning Committee membership and charge to the committee
6. SACUA Reporting Suspected Professional Misconduct Resolution, approved March 11, 2012

The meeting was convened by Chair Barald at 3:20 p.m. and the agenda was approved.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 26, 2012 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Coleman is hosting a dinner for SACUA on May 14, 2012 at the Inglis House.

APPROVAL OF APRIL SENATE ASSEMBLY AGENDA

The draft agenda for the April 16, 2012 Senate Assembly meeting was approved unanimously without change.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Financial Affairs Advisory Committee – The University will switch to Google (Gmail) college by college/school by school in the near future. Since the maximum file size for any attachment is restricted to 28 megabytes, there is another system named BOX which will be used to manage larger files or Cloud can be used.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION:

Co-chairs of the Bicentennial Planning Committee, Howard Markel and Gary Krenz, introduced themselves and distributed two hand-outs – the list of the planning committee members and the charge to the committee. The co-chairs were appointed by President Coleman. There is some disagreement over when the actual bicentennial is because there was the University of Michigan was initially established in Detroit and then it was later moved to Ann Arbor. For purposes of the bicentennial celebration, the official date is August 16, 1817. Questions to be addressed: When will the celebration occur? Will it cover an entire calendar year, entire academic year, only August? What will the theme(s) be? What activities will be involved – lectures, seminars, professorship? Will there be a celebration of the past with a focus on the future? Since Michigan is known for its intellectual achievements, intellectual achievement should be at the center of all celebrations. There will be a capital campaign, but it will be separate from the celebration. How can the faculty be engaged – series of symposia? In years prior to the bicentennial, the Academic Freedom Lecture could be used to build toward an entire series of academic and intellectual freedom symposia during the celebration.

The celebration should engage the entire University community – students, faculty, staff, administration.

The question was posed: Are there broad themes to get faculty involved? The response was 1) role of liberal arts degree in today's world; 2) role of distance learning versus residential learning; 3) role of a state university; 4) what do we mean by academic community; and 5) what is the role of the "great" public universities in education and research?

SACUA would like to see a different paradigm of learning which is not based on technology. The response was residential learning *in situ*.

Once the planning committee completes its charge, it will recommend the scope and span of the celebration which in turn will determine the budget needed. In 2001, Yale spent \$10M on its tri-centenary event.

Faculty activities should be ongoing, but what is the value added by putting the activities under the bicentennial celebration? Intellectual discussion could develop that are more than just ordinary business.

There will be an oversight committee that is different from planning committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vulnerable populations

Election of 2012-2013 SACUA Chair and Vice Chair

SACUA came out of executive session to announce the Chair and Vice-Chair and vote. Kim Kearfott was voted in as Chair by unanimous consent, 1 abstention; Karen Staller was voted in as Vice-Chair with a 6-2 vote, 1 abstention.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Carr
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 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.”