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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 26 SEPTEMBER 2011

Present: Barald (chair), Kearfott, Koopmann, Larsen, Lehman, Lusmann, Rothman, Staller; Carr, Schneider

Absent: Goldman

Guests: Regent Maynard, Provost P. Hanlon, J. Bernard (Office of General Counsel), C. Whitman (Office of Provost), Sol Bermann (ITS), S. Abhel-Rappe

Materials Distributed

1. Draft agenda
2. Draft minutes of the 12 September 2011 meeting of SACUA
3. Draft minutes of the 2 May 2011 meeting of SACUA
4. Action Item proposed by J. Lehman
5. U-M Statement dated 21 September 2011
6. House Bill No. 4770, dated 15 September 2011
7. Memorandum to K. Barald, SACUA chair, from P. Hanlon dated 19 September 2011 regarding General Funds and Total Salary for Faculty, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
8. Draft proposed faculty resolution in support of the current benefits policy

The meeting was convened by Chair Barald at 3:23 P.M.

Regent Maynard joined SACUA at 3:23 P.M. and the meeting immediately entered Executive Session. The guest left the meeting and SACUA entered regular open session at 4:33 P.M.

DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFIT RESTRICTION ACT

Vice chair Kearfott called attention to distributed item 6 and proposed a draft statement for consideration by SACUA.

VISIT OF PROVOST

The provost, C. Whitman, and J. Bernard joined the meeting at 4:30 P.M.

Change in Copyright Policy- Chair Barald reported that SACUA members have raised no concerns about proposed changes.

MCommunity Website- Chair Barald reported concerns about privacy issues regarding group membership information that is being made publicly available. She said that students have asked that the membership information be controlled by the individuals themselves. Professor Whitman said that administrators agreed with the privacy concerns, but that there were some technical limitations given the existing software. She said that group membership is controlled by group owners, and if someone wants to be removed from a list they must contact ITS and have them ask the group owner to remove their name. Mr. Bermann said that ITS is working actively on privacy protection, but he pointed out that he is not an expert on software systems. He said that in the short term there is no technical change contemplated, but that it is a long term issue. J. Bernard added that MCommunity has made previously existing public information more easily available.

Senate Assembly Action Item- Secretary Lehman thanked the provost for distributed item 7, and referred to Assembly Action 042511-1, which called for the release of compensation data for the full U-M community, unlinked from names. He said he would transmit the full text of the resolution to the provost.

The agenda was approved with change of order.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Consideration of minutes was postponed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

SACUA ACTION ITEM 092611-1

Professor Lehman moved (Koopmann seconded):

Whereas the Senate Assembly ratified and approved the recent practice of providing discretionary funds from central administration sources to the Vice Chair, Secretary, and SACUA members in consideration for their service commitments to central faculty governance (Action SA042511-2), and

Whereas at least some members of SACUA were denied such consideration by the SACUA chair following the Assembly Action,

Therefore, SACUA shall reveal its budget for AY 2010-2011 in sufficient detail and transparency so that Assembly members can learn the disposition of the funds provided for SACUA member participation in central faculty governance.

Discussion-

Senate Office staff reported that the information requested in the action item should have been already transmitted to Professor Lehman in response to his FOIA request. Professor Lehman asked that his motion be postponed until the next meeting pending his review of the information. The meeting adjourned at 5:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lehman
Senate Secretary

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