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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA)  
February 1, 2016  
Monday, 3:15 pm  
Fleming Building, Regents Room

Present: Lehman, Mondro, Schultz, Smith, Szymanski, Weineck (chair), Wright, Ziff, Potter

Absent: none

Guests: Reporters for the *Michigan Daily* and the *University Record*

3:15 Call to Order/Approval of Agenda and Minutes/Announcements

Minutes of December 21 and January 11 were approved

Chair Weineck discussed the dinner with President Schlissel on Thursday February 4 at Zola

3:20 Status Reports

Office for Institutional Equity

SACUA would like to institute a mechanism to appeal Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) reports and findings. While sanctions imposed as a result of OIE reports are grievable, the reports themselves and their findings are currently not grievable. Since SACUA has the last word on grievability, we could make it a policy to declare them grievable, but this would involve a cumbersome process in which a respondent would have to grieve first, see his or her case declared un-grievable, appeal this decision to SACUA – Professor Lehman pointed out that it is unlikely that faculty would be aware of this option, unless OIE publicized it. Chair Weineck suggested an alternative mechanism in which the Faculty Hearing Committee (a SACUA sub-committee) could review reports brought to its attention and ask OIE to re-review the case if warranted. She will discuss this option with the Provost and OGC and ask the General Counsel's Advisory Committee (GCAC) to place the issue on its agenda.

Professional Standards SPG

Chair Weineck said that Provost Pollack seemed open to having a committee, including SACUA members meet to discuss revision of the SPG. Professor Ziff will join Chair Weineck at her next meeting with Provost Pollack on February 10. Professor Lehman asked if the current SPG policy had been invoked against faculty – Chair Weineck will inquire. Chair Weineck said that she would like clarification on the purpose of the SPG and the relationship between sections I and II..

Regents Faculty Governance Update

We will send them the Senate Assembly resolution in support of the Muslim Community.

### 3:25 March Faculty Governance Conference Planning

The Agenda is available at <http://facultysenate.umich.edu/faculty-senate/faculty-governance-conference/>

Robyn Snyder has set up a registration website and almost everyone who has been invited is coming. UVA, UC Berkeley, Iowa, Northwestern, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Rutgers, MSU, and Nebraska.

Chair Weineck said that the *Chronicle of Higher Education* has expressed interest.

One SACUA member will moderate each section. Professors Smith will chair "Academic Freedom," Professor Potter will chair "Title IX," Professor Lehman will handle "Due Process," Chair Weineck will chair "Faculty Purview." Other SACUA members will act as recorders..

Professor Szymanski asked if our guests for 3 ten-minute contributions from the visitors.

Professor Wright suggested using a Doodle poll to visitors soliciting speakers.

Chair Weineck and Professor Schultz noted that the overly structured presentation at the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) meeting at Illinois did not promote open discussion.

At the CIC meeting there was discussion of founding a faculty governance association; a detailed charter was assembled. Chair Weineck asked if such an association should be discussed at the March meeting as it could be useful to have a forum for the exchange of information for faculty governance committees. If such a group were formed, it would be interesting to consider extending this group beyond the CIC to other large universities such as UVA or UNC.

### 3:55 SACUA Nominations

Professor Mondro, chair of the SACUA nominating committee, said that we are in the stage of soliciting names. She e-mailed the newly formed nominations committee outlining details of the task. Professor Lehman said that Business and Pharmacy are the only units that cannot put forward nominees because Professors Smith and Wright are continuing SACUA members. The question was raised whether we should follow the past procedure of allowing the highest vote getter to decide the length of term he/she wants Chair Weineck noted that mentioning the research account contribution might encourage self-nominations, as it signals the institution's commitment to faculty governance. Professor Schultz is interested in finding a mechanism to stagger CoE representatives' terms to ensure that Engineering is continuously represented.

SACUA discussed various policy options to respond to SACUA members going on sabbatical or duty-off-campus leaves during their terms. SACUA will suggest a policy to the Senate Assembly. Professor Wright and Professor Mondro will draft a suggestion for the SACUA ballot in light of the fact that open SACUA terms range from one to three years.

Chair Weineck said that the Academic Performance Committee (APC) had met and made recommendations on athletes who lost eligibility due to academic underperformance; there have been no Advisory Board for Intercollegiate Athletics (ABIA) meetings.

The Shared Services Center Governance Council has met. It turns out that the Medical System/Medical School is now considering joining the shared services center. Chair Weineck asked that a promise would be made that no one would have their salary reduced or be fired, the medical school people said that they were not ready to make this commitment. Medical School faculty appear to be unaware that this is happening; there might be a problem in that the lessons learned from the Shared Services process have not been taken on board in the Medical System. Chair Weineck said her personal experiences with Shared Services have been good, but that her needs are modest and uncomplicated. She suggested asking assembly members for their views.

Student Evaluations release committee has met twice and will be finished by the end of February. James Holloway says that the new platform of evaluation will not be ready by the end of the Fall Term. Holloway's committee is looking to identify a new group of questions for release. Professor Wright asked what the process would be? Chair Weineck said this was not clear. Chair Weineck noted that the SACUA nominee was not able to attend Vice Provost Holloway's committee; she has asked him to reschedule and he agreed to do so. Professor Lehman said that the Academic Affairs Advisory Committee (AAAC) had transmitted material from the Ideas Center. Chair Weineck said that Center for Research on Learning and Teaching (CRLT) Director Matt Kaplan was very familiar with their material and he was on Holloway's committee

Professor Schultz missed the last Communications and External Relations (CREAC) meeting. Jerry May made a report. Chair Weineck noted that LSA chairs were unhappy at being required to have a donation hyperlink prominently displayed on their departmental websites.

Professor Szymanski said there has not been a meeting of the General Counsel's Advisory Committee this year. There is a meeting scheduled later this term.

Professor Mondro said that there have been no scheduled meeting in the Buildings Committee, which was supposed to represent the interests of faculty in the process of designing new space.

Professor Lehman discussed the activities of the AAAC. He referred SACUA to the December minutes at [http://facultysenate.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2015/03/AAAC\\_11Dec15-approved.pdf](http://facultysenate.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2015/03/AAAC_11Dec15-approved.pdf); the October minutes at: [http://facultysenate.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2015/03/MIN\\_AAAC\\_9Oct15-approved.pdf](http://facultysenate.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2015/03/MIN_AAAC_9Oct15-approved.pdf) and the September

minutes at [http://facultysenate.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2015/03/MIN\\_AAAC\\_11Sep15-approved.pdf](http://facultysenate.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2015/03/MIN_AAAC_11Sep15-approved.pdf)

Professor Lehman said that CSG has put in a FOIA request for the course evaluations. He also said that it is a tight budget year, in part because of Dean searches, and the resulting return to their units.

Professor Ziff reported that Kevin Hegarty was there and highly engaged at the Financial Affairs Advisory Committee (FAA) and Laura Patterson discussed IT.

Professor Smith reported on the research policy committee and that it was substantial difference between areas. The Tenure Committee did not meet.

Professor Potter reported on the SRAC meeting, noting that the amendment process of the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities has been completed, and that he had met with Erik Wessel, the head of the Office of Student Conflict Resolution (OSCR), who would suggest some new members. He said that he hoped to include a lecturer and a person with a connection to the Residential College.

Professor Potter raised the question of increasing the size of Senate Assembly, which would require a change in the Regents' Bylaws.

4:35 Unfinished Business/Matters Arising

4:50 Executive Session

Discussion of the up coming dinner with President Schlissel.

5:05 Adjournment

Next SACUA meeting: February 8

Next Senate Assembly meeting: February 22

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Potter

Senate Secretary

University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 5.02:

Governing Bodies in Schools and Colleges

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."

Rules of the University Senate, the Senate Assembly and the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs:

Senate: "In all cases not covered by rules adopted by the Senate, the procedure in Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed."

Assembly: "The Assembly may adopt rules for the transaction of its business. In appropriate cases not covered by rules of the Assembly, the rules of the University Senate shall apply."

SACUA: "The committee may adopt rules for the transaction of its business."

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