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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING
February 19, 2018
Monday, 3:15 pm
Forum Hall, Palmer Commons

Present: Aidala, Alam, Atzmon, Beatty, Burzo, Carlos, Chen, DeYoung, Djuric, Duffy, Finlayson, Fenno, Indjeikian, Jacobsen, Jones (Retiree), Kaartinen, Kahle, Knoblauch, Larson, Lenk, Lippert, Malek (by Virtue), Manera, Marsh (by Virtue), McInnis, Meek, Myers, Ortega (chair), Rao, Sanchez, Sandhu, Schultz (by virtue), Schwank, Skolarus, Szymanski (by virtue), Tonomura, Toyama, Traynor, Wright (by virtue), Zhu

Alternate Requested: Aziz (Medicine), Checkoway (SSW), Eaton (Medicine), Erickson (Pharmacy), Fraser (Dearborn), Friesen (Flint), Herbert (LSA), Roddier (Taubman), Schmidt (Medicine)

Alternate Present: Lee (SSW), Helton (STMD)

Absent: Bagley, Blackburn, Bruch, Campbell, Cattaneo, Chatterjee, Costa, Gaggio, Gallo, Ghaferi, Greve, Hartley, Hurst, Kannatey-Asibu, Li, Likosky, Mao, Menon, Mortenson, Noll, Pecina, Princen, Shah, Shtein, Turnley, Vance, Welsh

3:15 Chair Ortega called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved. The draft minutes of January 22, 2018 were approved unanimously without change.

3:20 2018 SACUA ELECTION

The 2018 SACUA Nomination Committee Chair, Stefan Szymanski, gave Senate Assembly an update on the status of acquiring nominees for the three open positions on SACUA. It is desirable to have twice as many candidates as are needed. In other words, six nominees for the three spots. It was also noted that nominations from the floor are accepted on March 19 the day of the election.

3:30 UM FACULTY SENATE PROPOSED INTRA-UNIVERSITY SUMMIT (Summit)

Chair Ortega provided Senate Assembly with background information about the Summit. A list was provided of topics recommended by State of Michigan universities to discuss at the Summit. Possible topics are:

- Free Speech (and campus safety)
- Sexual assault and faculty reporting
- Roles/relationship with Regents/Trustees
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Governmental Relations
- University-wide Faculty Governance as Workload Service
- Academics, Athletics and Faculty Indicators of Success
- Maintaining On-going Faculty and Student Relations

4:00 SUMMIT BREAKOUT SESSION

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Senate Assembly members broke out into groups to discuss the proposed topics. Notes prepared of the session discussions will be forwarded to the Assembly members.

(Add the break-out notes taken.)

4:30 STATEMENT ON SAFETY AND SPEECH

Under Matters Arising after a presentation by Professor Kentaro Toyama, Senate Assembly discussed whether Senate Assembly should endorse or otherwise recognize the proposed Faculty Statement on Safety and speech dated January 5, 2018 written by "Concerned Faculty at the University of Michigan" and endorsed by Senate Assembly's Committee for an Inclusive University. After discussion and concern about time on the agenda for the March Senate Assembly meeting it was agreed that the statement be posted on the Senate website for review with endorsement pending a resolution to be considered at the next Assembly meeting.

5:00 The meeting was adjourned at 5:00

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas E. Schneider
Secretary Pro Tem

University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 4.01:

The University Senate

The 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.

University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 4.04:

The Senate Assembly

The Senate Assembly shall serve as the legislative arm of the senate.

The assembly shall have power to consider and advise regarding all matters within the jurisdiction of the University Senate which affect the functioning of the university as an institution of higher learning, which concern its obligations to the state and to the community at large, and which relate to its internal organization insofar as such matters of internal organization involve general questions of educational policy.

Rules of the University Senate, the Senate Assembly and the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs: In all cases not covered by rules adopted by the Senate, the procedure in Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed.
