

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION
Item for Information**

SUBJECT: FACULTY GOVERNANCE UPDATE

1) At the January 22, 2018 Senate Assembly meeting, SACUA provided the following statement approved by SACUA to Senate Assembly for information purposes:

The Faculty stand with our students, staff, administration and broader Michigan community in deploring those who seek to inspire violence and division against and within our society. Acts that promote hate, prejudice racism, bigotry, and discrimination are reprehensible. Such acts can put our university and its members at risk, particularly if they are committed on campus.

We believe University of Michigan faculty support this view and express their sincere opposition to those who promote their acts, each in their own way. SACUA will facilitate communication between different groups and support efforts to organize a coordinated response. SACUA will publish a webpage shortly for this purpose and begin to populate it with relevant links. Email facultySenateOffice.freespeech@umich.edu (mailto:facultySenateOffice.freespeech@umich.edu) if you would like to be part of this organized effort.

Several Assembly members questioned the wording such as "deploring those" and preferred the statement refer to deploring acts rather than deploring persons. Faculty Senate will launch a link for volunteers to work on various activities around campus focused on free speech. Faculty Senate Office will also be compiling the list of faculty-related activities planned on this topic.

2) SACUA is continuing its efforts to engage with the Regents. Regents are invited to meet with SACUA members for breakfast at their convenience. Regents are also invited to a town hall meeting with the Senate on March 19, 2018, to discuss matters of public interest. Any suggestions for connecting with Regents would be greatly appreciated.

3) Faculty Senate is currently involved in developing an information - outreach public service announcement designed to increase faculty participation, especially among diverse faculty, in university-wide governance matters.

4) SACUA has begun seeking nominees for several committees including SACUA, Senate Assembly, Senate Sub-committees, Police Oversight, and University Ombuds

5) SACUA will be working with Pam Heatlie and OIE to replace Bruno as University Ombuds

6) Senate Assembly met with the Advisory Board on Intercollegiate Athletics (ABIA) Chair (Dr. Anne Courzan) and Faculty Athletics Representative (Dr. Ketra Armstrong) to discuss academic performance outcomes of athletes during the past year. Athletic Director Warde Manual has accepted an invitation to discuss the athletic program at Senate Assembly in April 16, 2018.

7) SACUA held a meeting at the Medical School on January 29, 2018 and met with Dr. Carol Bradford, Executive Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, Medical School and Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine. SACUA is planning to hold a meeting in the College of Engineering in February.

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