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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA)
Monday, October 1, 2018 3:15 pm
5072 Fleming Administration Building
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1340

Present: Atzmon, Beatty, Carlos, Lippert, Marsh (chair), Schultz, Spencer, Potter, Schneider, Snyder

Absent: Conway

Guests: Professor Weineck

3:16: Call to order/Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3:16: Executive Session

[Grievances]
[Chairs of Grievance Board should not be from Respondent's Unit]
[Training for Grievance Hearing Board]
[Training for Faculty Grievance Monitors]
[Briefing of SACUA after a Grievance]
[Appealability of findings of fact by the Office of Institutional Equity (OIE)]
[Improved information for grievants]
[Modifying the pool of potential members of Faculty Hearing Boards]

4:10 Selection of a Committee to review grievance procedures
(<https://facultysenate.umich.edu/faculty-grievances-procedure/>). The committee will consist of Professor Carlos, Professor Beatty, and Librarian Spencer

4:15: Announcements

Chair Marsh will meet with the Provost at 11:30 on Thursday. He invited SACUA members to email him topics they would like to have discussed with the Provost.

There will be a meeting for SACUA with Deborah Osgood from the law firm, Hogan, Marren, Babbo and Rose about OIE procedures on Thursday, October 11 at 9:00 am.

Chair Marsh has reached out to the chairs of Natural Sciences departments in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, offering to give a short presentation on faculty governance and how it works. All the chairs said they would be interested, and he has given a presentation at the Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology (MCDB) department meeting. He asked other SACUA members to consider giving presentations to their units as well. He also asked SACUA members to encourage their acquaintances to attend the next Senate Assembly meeting, which is the Regents Candidate Forum on October 15.

4:20: Faculty Outreach and Engaging Senate Assembly

Chair Marsh has suggested to Associate General Counsel Christine Gerdes that an elected member of Senate Assembly be routinely included on a search committees for Deans, Directors and Executive Officers. She has taken the suggestion under advisement.

Professor Schultz noted that scheduling the Oct 15 Senate Assembly meeting during Fall Break may adversely impact attendance. Professor Lippert asked if invitations to Senate Assembly members to contribute agenda items have been effective. Professor Schultz said attendance at a Senate Assembly meeting could be diminished when the agenda lacks items that will generate engagement and discussion. There was general discussion of ways to address persistent non-attendance on the part of some Senate Assembly and Senate Assembly Committee members.

4:36: The minutes for October 1 were approved.

4:37: Adjournment

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."

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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."