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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA)
Monday, September 9, 2019 3:15 pm
4006 Fleming Administration Building
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1340

Present: Ahbel-Rappe, Beatty (chair), Conway, Dinov, Gallo, Malek, Manera, Marsh, Potter, Spencer, Banasik

Absent:

Guests: Members of the Press

3:16: Call to Order and Approval of Minutes
The agenda was approved.

3:17: Announcements

Chair Beatty announced that Professor Conway attended an Open Access Tipping Point Workshop (<https://osc.universityofcalifornia.edu/2019/06/announcing-the-open-access-tipping-point-workshop/>) with University Librarian/Dean of Libraries and Vice Provost for Academic Innovation, Hilton in Washington DC. Seventeen institutions had representatives at the conference, which required participating institutions to send a librarian and a faculty member. Professor Conway said most of the faculty members were associated with their institution's faculty senate. The primary topic of discussion was the pricing policy of Elsevier. The University of California (UC) system has walked away from negotiations with Elsevier, which consequently began revoking journal access (<https://www.insidehighered.com/quicktakes/2019/07/11/elsevier-ends-journal-access-uc-system>). Librarian Spencer commented on the high cost of Elsevier publications. Professor Conway said Vice Provost Hilton was interested in hearing what the representatives of the UC system had to say, that he does not see Michigan as being at the top of the list of institutions moving to open access, and that Michigan's contract with Elsevier has several years to run. Professor Manera noted that open access programs tend to shift costs away from end users to the research grants of authors. Chair Beatty said Vice Provost Hilton will meet with SACUA.

Chair Beatty said there are a number of events coming up for SACUA this fall. One is the Big Ten Academic Alliance meeting on October 17-19. This will include a Thursday night reception at the Graduate Hotel, and a dinner in the University of Michigan Museum of Art at which President Schlissel will deliver the opening remarks. She said SACUA members will be welcome at the conference sessions on Thursday and Friday, and invited SACUA members to contribute ideas for sessions. The Senate Office needs to know head count for the reception at the Graduate by September 17. The other event is the Davis, Markert, Nickerson Lecture on October 30. The lecture will be at 4:00pm and there will be a lunch and dinner with Professor Reichman on that day. The dinner will be at the Earle. The office needs to know the head count this week.

Chair Beatty said three schools will give institutional reports at the Senate Assembly meeting on September 23. The School of Music Theatre and Dance will be one of these schools.

Professor Potter suggested that two other North Campus units present. Chair Beatty will reach out to Senate Assembly members about speaking at the meeting.

Associate General Counsel and Special Counsel to the Provost Gerdes has asked that SACUA review the new emergency notification policy which will move from opt-in to opt-out. SACUA members expressed satisfaction with the new program.

Chair Beatty said there is a proposal to host a presidential debate in October 2020. The University is currently are reviewing various aspects of the proposal.

3:34 Senate Assembly Committees

Librarian Spencer discussed the work of Information Technology Committee (ITC), which she felt had worked very well, focusing on issues of electronic voting and Duo. Professor Dinov, who chaired the committee last year, added that when members of the committee did not have necessary expertise to discuss certain issues, they would ask for experts to meet with the committee. Librarian Spencer said that Committee on Civil Rights and Liberties (CCRL) saw itself as a watchdog extension of the Office for Institutional Equity (OIE). The committee also has deep ties with the Law School and the Office of the General Counsel (OGC). CCRL committee members were very involved with the issues connected to the committee's work. Professor Malek said the Research Policy Committee (RPC) was dysfunctional because the Vice President for Research did not attend meetings. He said that the Medical Affairs Advisory Committee (MAAC) functioned more robustly, noting that, although the Vice President for Medical Affairs selected topics for discussion, discussions in the committee were active. Professor Potter said the Student Relations Advisory Committee (SRAC) is very active, but needs more faculty, especially as it is one place where faculty encounter issues connected with student life. He also reported on the Financial Affairs Advisory Committee (FAAC), saying that Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Hegarty is very open to discussion, that many issues arising in the committee may not be ones to which faculty may have much to contribute (e.g. managing the endowment), but there have been issues where there have been changes resulting from faculty input (locks on classroom doors is one). Professor Conway said the Communications Advisory Committee (CAC) discussed SPGs, especially on the new SPG concerning relationships (601.22)(<https://spg.umich.edu/policy/601.22>). She said the Government Relations Advisory Committee (GRAC) foments interesting discussions with Vice President Wilbanks. Chair Beatty said she had served on the Committee for an Inclusive University (CIU), which was somewhat connected with the office of Robert Sellars, and brought in campus groups to discuss diversity efforts. She said that at the end of the year, the committee was asked to help plan a town hall on diversity issues, which went well. That committee will have co-chairs this year. She was also involved in the Secretary of the University Advisory Committee (SAC), which has robust discussions of issues on interest to the Regents. Professor Marsh discussed the Academic Affairs Advisory Committee (AAAC), on which he has served under Provosts Pollack and Philbert, it meets eight times a year.

Chair Beatty said committees should keep informative minutes and report to SACUA and/or Senate Assembly. There is also a question as to whether advisory committees to executive officers should meet without the executive officer being present.

- Updates to improving committee communication and organization

Professor Marsh noted that the AAAC has many charges, and suggested that some should be shifted to other committees. He suggested, for instance, that the request for a faculty salary survey be moved to the Committee of the Economic Status of the Faculty (CESF). Professor

Conway suggested the addition of open access as a topic for the Communications Advisory Committee (CAC). Professor Ahbel-Rappe said that people should look at the issue of faculty communication with the public on political issues, noting that faculty freedom of expression is increasingly the subject of censure. She feels that SACUA should be proactive in exploring the intersection between academic freedoms (and the protections thereto) with the expectation that State employees will be politically neutral. She feels that this should be added to GRAC and to the General Counsel Advisory Committee.

Professor Ahbel-Rappe asked about the work Tri-Campus Committee, Chair Beatty said that Professor XXX will join the committee; she also expects that the chair, Professor Finlayson will continue the work that was begun last year.

Professor Dinov suggested that SACUA should explore the issue of redundant committees (aside from the eleven that are required). Professor Gallo pointed out that some committees can be appointed for limited terms unless there is a need.

Professor Conway raised the need for SACUA to make nominations to the Library Council, we need four members, Professor Geva has volunteered to serve on the committee. SACUA will continue to seek further nominations.

4:15: Requested UM Participation in Shared Governance Research Project (tabled)

4:35: Updates on 5.09 process [EXECUTIVE SESSION]

5:03 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 polices 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."