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**MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 18 FEBRUARY 2008**

**Present:** Frier, Potter, Smith (chair), Stark; Lehman; Carr, Schneider

**Absent:** Fraser, Friedman, Riles, Thouless

**Guests:** none

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED**

1. Draft agenda
2. Draft minutes of the SACUA meeting of 18 February 2008

Chair Smith convened the meeting at 2:40 P.M. The proposed agenda was approved.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of 11 February 2008 were approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Smith announced:

1. Only four people have been nominated to run for SACUA at this time. Four seats will be open. Additional candidates are needed.
2. University Graduation will be held on the Diag.

**PREPARATION FOR SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING**

SACUA reviewed its preparation for the upcoming Senate Assembly meeting. Professor Evans is ill, so the Multicultural Committee report will be postponed.

**FACULTY GOVERNANCE UPDATE**

Chair Smith pointed out that the March update to the Board of Regents should be in drafting phase. SACUA members suggested that Dr. Fraser be asked to prepare a report about faculty benefits.

**LIAISON REPORT**

**CESF-**

Chair Smith reported that CESF met with representatives of campus unions last Friday. The union representatives expressed concern about pending benefit changes. They also met with Keith Bruhnsen regarding pharmacy benefits. A decision is pending as to whether the benefits should be turned over to the Blue Cross network. If so, special programs such as diabetes care will be in jeopardy. If not, generic co-pays will drop from \$7 to \$5, whereas co-pays for Tier II and Tier III drugs will increase substantially.

**Michigan Healthy Community-**

The committee is heavily engaged with “consumer driven health care” whereby patients decide on their own treatment options. The plans appear to be inequitable to lower paid staff.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

There was no additional business.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lehman  
Senate Secretary

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