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**MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 10 SEPTEMBER 2007**

**Present:** Fraser, Friedman, Frier, MacAdam, Potter, Riles, Smith (chair), Thouless; Lehman; Carr, Schneider

**Absent:** Stark

**Guests:** K. Brown (*University Record*)

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:**

1. Draft agenda
2. Draft minutes of the SACUA meeting of 27 August 2007
3. Draft of "Principles of Faculty Involvement in Institutional and Academic Unit Governance at the University of Michigan," 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.
4. Electronic mail from Keith Riles to SACUA dated 10 September 2007 entitled "Topic for Discussion" with attached document entitled, "Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Access to and Use of Application, Enrollment, and Post-Matriculation Data from the University of Michigan".
5. SACUA Update submitted September 2007 to the University of Michigan Regents entitled, "COIA".

Chair Smith convened the meeting at 3:00 P.M. The proposed agenda was approved.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of 27 August 2007 were approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Smith announced:

1. The president will host a summit on diversity on Thursday, 4 October, from 8:30 A.M. to 2 P.M.
2. Monday, 15 October is a study day. SACUA will not meet, but SACUA members are encouraged to attend the Knight Commission meeting on intercollegiate athletics in Washington, D.C.

3. Professor MacAdam volunteered to prepare a draft for the next Regents Report, due on 11 October.
4. SACUA transmitted a letter to past provost Gramlich expressing its concern about his health, prior to his demise.

#### COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

##### **Michigan Healthy Community-**

Chair Smith reported that the Michigan Healthy Community committee has been meeting, and is developing a report document for a November deadline. Smith said he would share the report with SACUA when it becomes available in publishable form. Professor Potter and Dr. Fraser expressed concern about the accelerating costs of co-pays for all, particularly retirees. Chair Smith suggested that Laurita Thomas be invited to answer questions at the November meeting of the Senate Assembly.

##### **Privacy Oversight-**

Professor MacAdam reported [written report to follow]

#### MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT AND PROVOST

Professor Potter and Chair Smith met with both the provost and the president last week. The provost agreed that her office will become the administrative office for the Academic Freedom visiting professorship. Progress has been made in finding acceptable language for the revised shared governance document. The remaining unresolved point is whether the administration will agree to consult with faculty governance prior to proposing large expenditures to the Regents.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting entered executive session at 3:27 P.M. to discuss (1) administrative response to the recent report of the Faculty Hearing Committee, and (2) a possible renewed proceeding against a tenured professor under provisions of Regents' Bylaw 5.09.

The meeting resumed open session at 4:00 P.M. Professor Friedman asked SACUA for guidance regarding his status as a member of SACUA and voting liaison to the Tenure Committee. He asked whether the group believed he should recuse him from 5.09 discussions or votes in either committee. SACUA members expressed their consensus view that Professor Friedman should participate in both SACUA and Tenure Committee proceedings, but refrain from discussing with the president the particulars of the case.

#### MEETING TIMES

Chair Smith proposed that SACUA meet from 3 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. or 5 P.M. on subsequent Mondays.

#### SENATE ASSEMBLY AGENDA

Chair Smith said that the agenda for the September Senate Assembly meeting will be finalized at the next meeting of SACUA.

#### FACULTY COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Smith asked that SACUA members give some thought to effective methods for transmitting relevant information to members of the university faculty. Professor Riles agreed that the topic deserved careful attention.

#### OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Chair Smith called attention to distributed item 4. He asked Professor Riles to explain the background to the MOU. Professor Riles explained that he was required to sign a non-disclosure agreement to get access to undergraduate admissions data, but that summary analyses are being subject to approval by the office of the provost. SACUA members expressed concern about the possible censorship of information and analysis results explicit within the MOU, including sanctions for releasing results without permission.

Professor Friedman proposed that SACUA initiate a study of the BGS degree and how it is used across the university.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting entered executive session at 4:45 P.M. to develop membership for several committees.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lehman  
Senate Secretary

#### **University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 5.02:**

##### *Governing Bodies in Schools and Colleges*

In each school, college, or degree granting division of the University, including those at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and at the University of Michigan-Flint, the governing faculty shall be in charge of the affairs of the school, college, or division, except as delegated to the executive committee, if any, and except that in the School of Graduate Studies the governing board shall be the executive board, and in the Medical School shall be the executive faculty.

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