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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 14 SEPTEMBER 2009

Present: Fraser, Frost, Lehman, Poe, Rothman, Stark, Thouless (chair); Carr, Schneider

Absent: Navvab, Tzeng

Guests: A. Mahanti (MSA), M. J. Frank (U-M News and Information), members of MSA executive board, Daily Reporter

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Proposed agenda
2. Draft Minutes of 10 August 2009
3. Faculty Grievance Process Task Force Report dated 31 July 2009
4. SACUA Office Operating Budget 2009-2010
5. Overview of the process in a 5.09 hearing conducted under Section 5 (Draft v3, August 6, 2009)

Chair Thouless convened the meeting at 3:12 P.M. The draft agenda was approved.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 10 August 2009 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. On 31 August, SACUA voted to nominate Professor David Potter for service on the Residency Appeal Committee, and his name was transmitted to the president.
2. Professor Navvab will replace Professor Stark on the capital projects review committee.
3. The chair and Professor Tzeng will meet with the provost on Friday at 9:30 A.M.
4. Election results from 10 August 2009 were as follows:

Advisory Committee on Recreational Sports

(names to president for transmittal to Regents)

(Chair was informed on July 9 that presenting only two names was acceptable to the President)

2012 Jim Ottavani (Library)

2012 Yvonne Abdoo (Nursing)

Library Council

(names to dean of library)

2012 Gus Evrard (LSA)

2012 Areene Saxonhouse (LSA)

2011 Dan Klionsky (LSA, Life Sciences & Medicine)

Michigan League Board of Governors

(names to president)

2012 Rex Holland (Dentistry)

2011 Deborah De George (Library)

2010 Charlotte Wolfe (Library)

Michigan Union Board of Representatives

(names to director of Michigan Union)

2011 Al Burdi

2011 Phil Margolis

Faculty Perspectives Editorial Board

Chair Tad Smith (Medicine)

2012 Jerome Kalifa (Medicine)

2012 Annette Haines (Library)

2010 Coleen Conway (Music)

Rules

Chair John Lehman

2012 Peter von Buelow (Architecture)

Military Officer Education Committee

(name to Regents)

2012 Marilyn Woolfolk (Dentistry)

GRIEVANCE POLICY

SACUA voted unanimously to establish a subcommittee consisting of Professor Rothman and Dr. Fraser, and to charge it with drafting a response to the Grievance Task Force Report.

VISIT OF MICHIGAN STUDENT ASSEMBLY (MSA) EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Mike Rorro and Abhishek Mahanti from MSA joined the meeting at 3:30 P.M. After a round of introductions, Mr. Mahanti stated that MSA is developing a new website that will promote transparency in student governance. Issues presently before the Board include campus safety, fines on trash-laden lawns after football games, and visibility of MSA. Mr. Rorro added that MSA is fighting against proposed cuts in the Michigan Promise, and is reviewing the Statement of Students' Rights and Responsibilities (<http://www.oscr.umich.edu>). One consideration is a Good Samaritan clause regarding summons of aid for and by underage

students who become intoxicated. The MSA is also evaluating its constitution with the goal of revising it and bringing it up to date.

Mr. Mahanti reviewed the structure of MSA. Assembly members meet weekly on Tuesday evenings. Every commission also meets weekly.

Professor Rothman suggested that additional resources should be diverted to policing and protecting students who live off-campus but close to it. Professor Frost asked whether students experience negative interactions with DPS personnel. Mr. Mahanti replied that he has heard of no complaints. He added that MSA would be reviewing its responsibilities with respect to the DPS Oversight Committee. Professor Poe recommended that MSA appoint committee members in late spring for service the following fall.

Mr. Mahanti asked what SACUA knew about the campus smoke-free initiative. SACUA members responded that they had not been consulted in advance of the announcement, but had been informed one or two days in advance of the general announcement. The group acknowledged that enforcement would be problematic. Professor Rothman suggested that MSA should have representation on the university committee that will deal with the initiative.

Professor Stark asked if students have concerns about academic matters. Mr. Mahanti replied that limitations on printing are a concern. Mr. Rorro said that the new on-line evaluations are less attractive than hardcopy forms. He also pointed out that ROTC participants are assigned heavy academic loads for which they get little academic credit. Professor Rothman suggested that MSA might wish to push for expansion of virtual computing sites so that students can get free access to sophisticated software.

Mr. Mahanti said that this year he has been consulting with student governance leaders at Dearborn and Flint in an attempt to identify common interests and issues. He pointed out that he has the opportunity to address the Board of Regents for 5 minutes at each monthly meeting.

The guests left the meeting at 4:30 P.M.

FY2010 SACUA BUDGET APPROVAL

SACUA approved the proposed budget (distributed item 4) by unanimous vote.

REGENTS BYLAW 5.09 PROCEDURES

Chair Thouless invited discussion of distributed item 5. Members offered a series of suggestions in response to the draft. The chair said that he would prepare a revision of the draft and circulate it to SACUA.

SENATE ASSEMBLY APPORTIONMENT

Chair Thouless said that he has reviewed the current Senate census data and has performed Hill's algorithm. The number of seats is now 74. Several issues have arisen. The chair said that he would circulate a report for discussion and future action.

LIAISON REPORTS

CESF- Professor Stark reported that CESF has asked for a charge this year.

Financial Affairs Advisory Committee- Professor Poe noted that a new travel reimbursement policy has been announced, and that it is inconsistent with recommendations from the FAAC.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no additional business.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lehman
Senate Secretary

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