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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 6 OCTOBER 2008

Present: Fraser, Frier, Frost, Poe, Potter (Chair), Riles, Stark, Thouless; Lehman; Carr, Schneider

Absent: Navvab

Guests: Regent Deitch, A. Kroll (*Daily*), K. Brown (*University Record*), M. J. Frank (News and Information)

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Draft agenda
2. Draft minutes of the SACUA meeting of 29 September 2008
3. Account of the provost's visit with SACUA on 29 September, annotated by the provost.
4. Frequently asked questions regarding repatriation of Native American remains and funerary objects (<http://www.vpcomm.umich.edu/pa/key/nagpra.html>)
5. Draft proposed Standard Practice Guide number 201.89: Sexual Harassment
6. Proposed revisions to SPG 201.11-1, SPG 201.88, and SPG 201.22
7. [Bylaws of the University of Michigan Board of Regents: Chapter IV: The University Senate](#)
8. Essay statements from candidates for the faculty undergraduate scholarship

Chair Potter convened the meeting at 3:05 P.M. The proposed agenda was approved.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 29 September were approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Professor Frost will accompany the chair to the meeting of the ABIA this month.
2. The provost will meet with SACUA twice in November; the meeting of 20 October is cancelled.

3. The chair engaged in discussions with central administration regarding procedures to curb administrative abuses as well as inappropriate behavior by faculty that does not rise to the level of action under Regents Bylaw 5.09.

REPATRIATION OF ARTIFACTS

Professor Frost said that it would be helpful to compare the policies of peer universities with that of the U-M regarding repatriation of tribal artifacts. He explained that he is not an attorney and therefore cannot evaluate whether current law is being observed. He said that the various regional tribes have agreed to reciprocity of repatriation, such that it is unlikely that two tribes would claim ownership of the same items. Professor Frier pointed out some of the legal ambiguities associated with historical origin of artifacts. Professor Frost said that the contentious issues mainly attend existing artifacts in museums, and that rules and regulations are well defined in the case of ongoing excavations. He asked the chair to seek a legal opinion from the Office of General Counsel regarding U-M authority and responsibility for repatriation of artifacts, particularly unaffiliated remains.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting entered executive session at 3:30 P.M. The agenda included an update on a matter calling for action under Regents Bylaw 5.09, followed by a private meeting with Regent Deitch. Topics discussed with the Regent included (1) current priorities, goals and challenges for the Board of Regents, (2) regional campuses, (3) financial aid, (4) undergraduate housing, (5) role of faculty in government outreach, and (6) recreational sports facilities. The guest left the meeting at 4:35 P.M.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO STANDARD PRACTICE GUIDE

Chair Potter called attention to distributed items 5 and 6. He said that he would introduce the draft documents to the Senate Assembly at its October meeting. SACUA members asked the chair to seek clarification on several points.

LIBRARIAN SENATE MEMBERSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE

ACTION OF SACUA 100608-01

The chair invited the following motion:

SACUA interprets the Rules of the University Senate to mean that assistant librarians are eligible members of the University Senate.

The Action was approved by unanimous vote.

The chair asked Professors Fraser and Frost to submit alternative language for the Senate Rules regarding librarians to the Rules Committee for their consideration and advice.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting entered executive session at 4:55 P.M. to evaluate candidates for the Faculty Undergraduate Scholarship.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no additional business.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 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.
