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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 17 NOVEMBER 2008

Present: Fraser, Frier, Navvab, Potter (Chair), Riles, Thouless; Lehman; Carr, Schneider

Absent: Frost, Poe, Stark

Guests: M. J. Frank (U-M News and Information), K. Brown (University Record), Tiffany Tsang and Troy Lau (Rackham Student Government)

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Draft agenda
2. Draft minutes of 10 November 2008
3. Letter to D. Potter from T. Sullivan, dated 24 October 2008, regarding revision of race/ethnicity categories
4. Memorandum to L. Monts from Committee on Race/Ethnicity Data Collection and Reporting, dated 10 October 2008
5. Proposal for a Continuous Enrollment Requirement for Ph.D. Students
6. Fiscal Year 2008-09 General Fund Budget Recap, dated October 2008
7. Faculty composition from 1997 to 2007 and from 1988 to 2004
8. Letter to SACUA from W.C. Martin, dated 17 November 2008

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 10 November were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Regents Lunch with SACUA will be held at noon this Thursday at Inglis House.
2. The Division of Kinesiology will be renamed "School of Kinesiology" in January 2009.
3. Athletic Director Martin has transmitted a letter (distributed item 8) in response to questions from SACUA.
4. The federal government has amended its definitions of race and ethnicity categories (distributed items 3 and 4).

5. A list of candidates for the provost's committees on interdisciplinary professorships and grievance procedures are largely finalized.

LIAISON REPORTS

AEC- Evaluations commenced today.

Copyright Policy- The committee does not think that any changes to Regents' Bylaws will be submitted at this time, but it is continuing to consider amendments to language in the policy statement and Standard Practice Guide.

VISIT OF RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS

The guests arrived at 3:30 P.M. The chair asked the guests to comment on proposed changes to Rackham policy on continuous enrollment (distributed item 5). The Rackham governance officers stated that reaction to the proposal is strongly discipline-specific, with students in the sciences least affected, and with students from the humanities the most upset. They pointed out that funding opportunities often dictate the graduate research areas selected by students in the sciences as well as other areas. They said, however, that it is difficult to assess the majority sentiments of graduate students. The guests left the meeting at 4:10 P.M.

VISIT OF VICE PROVOST PHIL HANLON

The guest joined the meeting at 4:15 P.M. He provided an overview of the university budget, supplemented by distributed item 6. He pointed out that FY2009 will be challenging, but that the U-M has taken a number of cost-containment steps that are yielding rewards to such a degree that the U-M is in a better financial situation than many of its peers. He concluded his presentation at 5:15 P.M.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no additional business.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lehman
Senate Secretary

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