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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 10 DECEMBER 2007

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

Absent: Potter

Guests: Provost Teresa Sullivan, K. Gibbons, Gretchen Grey (Academic Continuity and Disaster Readiness Director), Diane Brown (Senior Information Officer), Vice President and University Secretary Sally Churchill, K. Brown (*University Record*)

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Draft agenda
2. Draft minutes of the SACUA meeting of 3 December 2007
3. Draft minutes of the SACUA meeting of 3 December 2007 corrected by President Coleman
4. "Supporting Information for the Proposed SPG on Information Security" – Proposed dated 26 November 2007.
5. Draft of "Principles of Faculty Involvement in Institutional and Academic Unit Governance at the University of Michigan", 2nd edition.
6. Electronic mail from Rich Friedman regarding the shared governance matter.
7. Electronic mail from Emily Arents to Tom Schneider regarding the SACMU Resolution for Consideration by SACUA dated 7 December 2007.
8. Draft agenda for the 17 December 2007 Senate Assembly meeting
9. "Guidelines for Joint Academic Appointments at the University of Michigan" distributed by Provost Sullivan.
10. Drafts of MOU's for Joint Appointment with and without Tenure with Appendix A – Checklist for a MOU for a Joint Academic Appointment with tenure and Appendix B – Checklist for Reviewing Faculty Members who Hold Joint Academic Appointments and are not yet tenured distributed by Provost Sullivan.
11. ["George Keller: Intellectual Whirlwind" by Wilfred M. McClay, Chronicle of Higher Education, 23 November 2007.](#)
12. ["The dangerous wealth of the Ivy League", MSNBC.com, 7 November, 2007.](#)

13. Draft of proposal process for the hiring of the 100 new interdisciplinary tenure-track faculty.

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the SACUA meeting of 3 December 2007 were adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Smith announced:

1. SACUA is jointly sponsoring a forum about contingent faculty with the AAUP on Wednesday afternoon at Palmer Commons.
2. The provost's grievance task force will hold its first meeting on 19 December.
3. The advisory committee on recreational sports will hold its first meeting next week.

VISIT OF PROVOST

The provost and K. Gibbons arrived at 3:06 P.M.

Undergraduate Admissions-

Dean Munson from the College of Engineering has asked to increase the number of entering freshmen this year because of the unusually large graduating class this year. The provost has agreed to increase the target for Engineering from 1100 to 1200 entering students. LSA has the same target this year as last year.

Joint Appointments-

The provost's office has prepared a draft MOU regarding joint appointments; the provost asked SACUA to review it.

New Faculty Positions-

The provost also distributed draft guidelines for new interdisciplinary faculty positions and asked SACUA to review them.

Emergency Preparedness-

The Virginia Tech tragedy has sparked intense interest among students and other groups on campus. U-M administrators and staff have been examining campus plans since last year. The provost introduced Gretchen Grey and Diane Brown, and asked them to describe the planning.

Ms. Grey said that the planning is "all hazard" in nature, and focuses on emergency communications in general. She cited better radio communications, electronic billboards, loudspeakers, and text messaging systems. She said that her office was exploring multiple media communication systems whereby students, faculty, and staff can sign up to receive alerts.

Professor Stark asked whether there is a decision tree to determine when faculty should be notified of alerts. Ms. Brown pointed out that it takes a minimum of 7 hours to send e-mail to

all university community members, a list in excess of 100,000. She said that she is trying to deal with the problem through use of trees and fan-out lists. Professor Riles urged that IT / Engineering faculty on campus be consulted to learn whether the 7 hours now required for an e-mail broadcast could be reduced substantially. He expressed skepticism that U-M e-mail servers could not do it more quickly. Dr. Fraser asked if there are instances in which all three campuses would need to be notified. Ms. Brown expressed doubt.

Professor Stark inquired about campus readiness to respond to firearms assaults. Ms. Brown replied that DPS officers have quick response training and assorted weapons at their command. She said that the campus also has an advanced team that trains very frequently. She noted that bullhorns are available and that police cars are equipped with public address systems. She also said that new buildings and upgrades are being equipped with annunciator panels for fire alarm systems. Ms. Grey said that she is beginning contract negotiations with a vendor for integrated text messaging, phone, and e-mail alerts.

Shared Governance-

The provost pointed out that the president is out of town and that the executive officers' meeting this week is devoted to preparation for the December Regents' meeting. She said that the Finance and Audit committee will review the University of Michigan Press. She added that she will be requesting a title change for associate provosts to vice provosts.

Dr. Fraser inquired about the pros and cons of the CIC developing a policy for publishers that unrecompensed faculty articles would be deposited in their respective institutional repositories after a certain period, such as 6 months or a year. The provost replied that the CIC is not a policy setting body, but that it can make recommendations. Dr. Fraser mentioned that the Provosts had recently developed a policy for authorial rights and SACUA and the Senate assembly had supported it. The Provost said that the most likely way a CIC policy on open access deposit would occur is if Michigan took the lead, others would follow.

In connection with the current discussion about the Research tracks, Professor Thouless commented that Rackham sets the definition for regular graduate faculty members. He suggested that as a jurisdictional issue the definitions should be reviewed through the office of the provost.

The guests left the meeting at 3:58 P.M.

VISIT OF UNIVERSITY SECRETARY

The guest arrived at 4:03 P.M. The meeting entered executive session at the request of VP Churchill. Discussion topics included (1) faculty governance updates to the Board of Regents, (2) health benefits, (3) capital projects, (4) interactions with Regents, and (5) changes to Regents' Bylaws. The guest left the meeting at 4:45 P.M.

The meeting continued in executive session until 4:55 P.M. Topics included a faculty grievance matter and private discussions among the chair, Professor Friedman, the provost, and the president.

LIAISON REPORTS

Medical Affairs-

Professor Stark reported that the medical affairs advisory committee met on 8 December from 7 to 8 A.M. Growth in demand for health care and the smaller growth of the faculty and staff were discussed. There was also a discussion about plans for future growth in clinical space in and around Ann Arbor as well as interdisciplinary research space. There was a discussion about the impact VEBA's might have on the amount of funding paid by Medicare.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Chair Smith called attention to a resolution proposed by the Committee for a Multicultural University. He invited SACUA to vote whether it endorses the resolution and recommends it to the Senate Assembly. Five members voted approval and two voted disapproval.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lehman
Senate Secretary

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