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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 15 DECEMBER 2008

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

Absent: Frost, Poe, Riles

Guests: Regent J. Darlow, Provost T. Sullivan, K. Gibbons (office of provost), S. Scarnecchia (General Counsel), G. Hage (Deputy General Counsel), K. Swanson (*Michigan Daily*), K. Brown (*University Record*), M. J. Frank (*U-M News and Information*)

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Draft agenda
2. Draft minutes of 8 December 2008
3. Electronic mail message from J. A. Kulik to P. Van Volkinburg, dated 24 November 2008, regarding electronic evaluations

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting entered executive session at 3:02 P.M. to receive a report about a recent lawsuit from members of the office of general counsel. The meeting resumed open session at 3:20 P.M.

VISIT OF PROVOST

The provost and K. Gibbons joined the meeting at 3:21 P.M.

State Executive Order-

The Governor's executive order has exempted higher education for the time being.

Undergraduate Admissions-

The U-M has experienced a significant increase in applications from foreign students. We anticipate an increase in the number of Michigan residents with sophomore standing who started at out-of-state colleges, but who now wish to return to an in-state school. Other flagship state

universities are experiencing large increases in applications, but U-M has not experienced such an increase.

Tuition-

It is too soon to tell if there will be a strong need to increase tuition; cost-containment is a more desirable first step.

Qatar-

The nation has invited the U-M to establish a one-year post-graduate law program.

Grievance Policy Committee-

The chair has been named, and the committee is being populated.

Copyright Policy Committee-

The committee chair reports that progress is being made. There have been two meetings, and a document is being prepared that is more complete and less ambiguous than at present.

Campus Recreation Facilities-

The committee final report is due 31 December 2008.

The guests left the meeting at 3:50 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting entered executive session at 3:53 P.M. to meet with Regent Darlow. Discussion topics included (1) university finances, (2) accessibility to a U-M education, (3) gender and ethnic diversity among U-M faculty, (4) disability issues, (5) adjunct faculty appointments, (6) student athletics and academic advising, and (7) proposed changes to faculty and staff benefits.

The guest left the meeting at 5:02 P.M.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 8 December were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

The chair pointed out that a series of grievances are in the process of being filed.

LIAISON REPORTS

AEC-

The 2008 round of administrator evaluations will end this Thursday, 18 December.

Tenure-

The committee has held a hearing under Regents Bylaw 5.09 and will be submitting a report.

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:

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