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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 17 DECEMBER 2007

Present: Friedman, Frier, Potter, Riles, Smith (chair), Stark, Thouless; Lehman; Schneider

Absent: Fraser, MacAdam

Guests: none

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Draft agenda
2. Draft minutes of the SACUA meeting of 26 November 2007 annotated by T. Sullivan
3. Draft minutes of the SACUA meeting of 10 December 2007
4. Senate Assembly Agenda
5. Draft minutes of the Senate Assembly meeting of 19 November 2007

Chair Smith convened the meeting at 2:30 P.M. The proposed agenda was approved.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the SACUA meeting of 10 December 2007 were adopted.

The minutes of the SACUA meeting of 26 November 2007 were approved with revisions submitted by the provost to the account of her meeting with SACUA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Smith announced:

1. The faculty governance update for December can be published as a Faculty Perspectives Page in its entirety.
2. The chair volunteers to right the January faculty governance update on the topic of Shared Governance and Academic Freedom.
3. The U-M named a new football coach. The Advisory Board on Intercollegiate Athletics has not yet been informed.
4. The provost has assembled a grievance procedures task force; it will meet for the first time on Wednesday, 19 December. The task force is chaired by Professor Root from Social Work.

SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

SACUA reviewed its preparation for the upcoming Senate Assembly meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS

AEC- Professor Lehman reported that the annual evaluation of administrators has concluded and that results will be posted shortly.

RPC- Professor Thouless said that the RPC met and invited feedback from SACUA about its agenda.

CLB- Professor Frier reported that the committee met and discussed privacy issues with regard to student, faculty and staff records.

Tenure- Professor Friedman said that the committee discussed its activities for the rest of the year: 1) should tenure decisions be based on the rules in place at the time of hire, or should they be allowed to evolve over time; 2) the Medical School is interested in extending the tenure clock.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

SACUA members discussed how they would develop responses to the provost about the draft policy documents that were distributed to SACUA at its last meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lehman
Senate Secretary

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