

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION  
Item for Information**

**SUBJECT: FACULTY GOVERNANCE UPDATE**

On April 7, faculty governance leaders from across the state of Michigan attended and participated in an inaugural summit to discuss issues deemed important to faculty governance. SACUA initiated the summit and topics were generated from UM faculty during a Senate Assembly meeting and narrowed down to (a) faculty governance challenges and strengthening faculty voice, (b) freedom of speech and campus safety, (c) sexual misconduct and implications for faculty reporting, and (d) faculty relationship with regents, trustees and other governing boards. Several SACUA members and Regent Neuman attended along with governance leaders from Grand Valley State University, Ferris State University, Western Michigan University, Michigan State University, Eastern Michigan University, Andrews University, and Oakland University. Summary notes are available at <https://facultysenate.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2018/04/IntraUniversity-Matters-RMO-Summary-Notes-4-7-18.pdf>. Next year's summit is set to be held at Eastern Michigan University.

On May 1, 2018, the 2018-2019 academic year SACUA members began their new terms of office. Professor Neil Marsh was elected Chair of SACUA while Associate Professor Joy Beatty was elected Vice Chair.

Newly elected SACUA members are Associate Professor Colleen Conway, Associate Professor Sarah Lippert, and Librarian Deirdre Spencer.

Continuing SACUA members are Professor Ruth Carlos, Professor Sami Malek, Professor Michael Atzmon, and Professor William Schultz.

Continuing non-voting members are Associate Professor Immediate Past Chair Robert Ortega ex officio without vote and Senate Secretary Professor David Potter ex officio without vote.

Professor Stefan Szymanski and Professor David Wright completed their three-year terms on SACUA.

In the winter semester SACUA had informal breakfast and lunch meetings with Regents Andrew Richner, Andrea Newman, and Shauna Diggs. Regent Weiser is scheduled to attend the May 21 SACUA meeting. These meetings have been helpful for two-way information sharing and SACUA appreciates the opportunity to share the projects we have been working on, as well as questions and answers. We look forward to continuing these meetings in the fall.

The Faculty Senate Office created a video to promote Faculty Governance. We thank President Schlissel for being part of our efforts by participating in the video. We encourage you to view it on our website.

<http://facultysenate.umich.edu/>

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**Joy Beatty, SACUA/Senate Assembly Vice Chair**