

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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Item for Information

SUBJECT: FACULTY GOVERNANCE UPDATE

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FACULTY SENATE

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The following topics will be raised this semester and throughout the academic year for discussion in SACUA. Discussions are likely to result in action items for SACUA and Senate Assembly:

Propose a resolution to support the Latinx and all ethnic members of the University community

Clarify the role of UM-Ann Arbor faculty governance as it relates to UM-Flint and UM-Dearborn campuses (e.g., continuation of the Tri-Campus Task Force)

Discuss Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DE&I), core University values, and the role of faculty. We hope to also promote and participate in campus-wide difficult conversations about DE&I matters in safe and courageous spaces

Work with the University community in proactive ways and as an emergency response to address emerging and urgent campus-wide matters

Discuss increased faculty grievances and training Faculty Grievance Monitors

Clarify the role of Ombudsperson at the unit and University levels

Re-institute the Civil Liberties & Civil Rights Committee with priorities focused on faculty perspectives on several emerging campus-based issues relevant to freedom of assembly, expression and speech; use of social media, academic freedom; immigrant rights and access to higher education; etc.

Evaluate the instruction platforms including the phasing out of C-tools as well as Canvas and Duo

Discuss faculty evaluations of administrators

Discuss SACUA members and importance of increased interactions with Regents

This Bicentennial year celebrates the 27th Annual Davis, Markert, Nickerson Lecture on Academic and Intellectual Freedom featuring Michael Mann, Professor of Atmospheric Science and Director of the Earth System Science Center at Penn State University. His lecture is entitled, **The Madhouse Effect: Climate Change Denial in the Age of Trump and is scheduled to take place on October 3, 2017, 4pm, at UM Law School (100 Hutchins Hall, 625 E. State Street). Additional speakers will include Chancellor Davis, Emeritus Professor, Regent Behm and President Schlissel.**

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