

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

Hybrid Meetings held in Ruthven 1120 and on Videoconference

SUBJECT: January 2023 Faculty Governance Update

Overview of items discussed:

1. SACUA
2. Senate Assembly
3. Senate Assembly Committees
4. Faculty Senate
5. Faculty Senate Office Update

1. SACUA:

- Throughout the Summer and Fall SACUA has been dealing with the issue of the expansion of the University Senate to include the Clinical Faculty and/or the Lecturers. Our goal this Fall was only to educate the faculty on the issues at hand, not yet to vote on them. To this end, both at the Senate Assembly meeting and at the University Senate meeting, we presented a PowerPoint with data on U of M's faculty composition and the growth in the various groups of faculty – the Tenure-Track faculty, the Clinical Faculty, and the Lecturers from 1988 to the present. The presentation also included the implications of including the new groups of faculty for the Senate Assembly apportionment.
- SACUA met with Provost McCauley to discuss a number of pressing issues that the University is currently facing. We also met with Vice Provosts Sara Blair and Lori Pierce about ongoing academic challenges faced by faculty related to the pandemic.

2. SENATE ASSEMBLY:

- At the January SA meeting, we had guests from Prevention Education, Assistance & Resources (PEAR), led by PEAR director Kaaren Williamsen. We received an introduction to PEAR's history (formed in Fall 2022) and PEAR's functions. We also learned from Carrie Landrum about Adaptable Resolution, which is a set of conflict resolution and harm-repair services newly available to U-M faculty and staff through the Equity, Civil Rights, and Title IX (ECRT) Office. SA members had breakout groups with PEAR staff to have discussion on the three functions of PEAR services, prevention education, assistance, and resources. The feedback from SA members has been shared with the PEAR office.
- SA discussed and voted on [a resolution](#) related to anti-Asian racism brought forward by the Committee on Anti-Racism (CAR), led by Dinesh Pal. The resolution passed with 35 Yes, 2 No, and 3 Abstentions.

- Finally, I spent some time providing the latest update on the faculty senate restructuring discussion related to the incorporation of clinical faculty, lecturers, and other non-tenure track faculty groups. The goal of this information was to provide a framework of the potential votes that will take place in the coming months with the SA and the potential process we could follow. As changes to University/Faculty Senate structure likely would entail changes to the Regents Bylaws, I also shared with SA the scenarios for doing so and how these scenarios fit within our Winter Term timeline. Much of this is still under development but SA will play a crucial role in the determination of the next steps.
- SA members have brought up two important areas that are of high relevance to many faculty. They are about the ongoing GEO negotiation and the impact of ChatGPT and Open AI on academic integrity. With respect to the latter, SACUA/SA/SA committees will work to engage the administration on this important topic.
- In February, we will continue the important discussions on the topic of University/Faculty Senate composition.

3. SENATE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES:

- The Davis, Market, and Nicholson (DMN) lecture will take place on February 6. Details can be found [here](#).

4. UNIVERSITY SENATE:

- At our University Senate meeting on November 21, 2022, our new President Santa J. Ono came to address the faculty on all three campuses via a Hybrid meeting. Around 220 faculty heard his address, most of them virtually. The University Record also had an excellent article on President Ono's presentation. SACUA had earlier sent him questions to address. In addition, he took questions from the audience present very well. We thank Katie Kelton for the *Record* article. It can be found [here](#).

5. FACULTY SENATE OFFICE:

The Faculty Senate Office is currently well staffed and productive. Everyone in the office is a recent hire, but they have already proven themselves to be quite capable.

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