

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

**SUBJECT: March 2021 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**

SACUA held meetings on February 22, March 1, and March 8. At the **February 22** meeting, SACUA prepared for planned visitors for the March 1 and March 8 meetings and debriefed about the Davis, Markert, and Nickerson Academic Freedom Lecture. Regent Sarah Hubbard was a guest at the meeting. The meeting was held in executive session. At the **March 1** meeting, SACUA finalized a slate of candidates to be considered by the President's Office to serve on the Honorary Degree Committee. SACUA discussed administrator evaluations while in executive session. Tabbye Chavous, Associate Vice President for Research-Social Sciences, Humanities, and the Arts, and Director of the National Center for Institutional Diversity was a guest. At the **March 8** meeting, Provost Susan Collins was a guest with President Schlissel as well as Chancellor Deba Dutta, and Professor DJ Trela, Chair of the Faculty Council at Flint.

**2. SENATE ASSEMBLY**

Senate Assembly met on February 15 and March 15. During the **February 15** meeting, President Mark Schlissel was a guest. He gave updates to Senate Assembly and took questions from Senate Assembly members during an executive session portion of the meeting. The Electronic Meetings and Accessibility Task Force convened by SACUA and approved by Senate Assembly presented recommendations for electronic meetings, Best Practices for Faculty Senate and Senate Assembly Meetings, which Senate Assembly unanimously approved. The Best Practices will be implemented for Faculty Senate and Senate Assembly meetings going forward to ensure that these meetings are accessible to all participants. On **March 15**, Provost Susan Collins was a guest. She gave an update concerning Fall 2021 plans and she shared an update about the status of campus anti-racism initiatives. Senate Assembly approved the charge and roster of an Ad Hoc Rules Committee that will review current University Senate Rules and recommend revisions to align the Rules with the needs of electronic meetings. SACUA candidates made statements for the SACUA election, and voting took place electronically over a twenty-four hour period. As of the submission of this update, the results of the election had not yet been finalized.

**3. SENATE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES**

Senate Assembly committee work continues. The following committees recently met, or have upcoming meetings scheduled since the last update:

Academic Affairs Advisory Committee	March 31
Communications Advisory Committee	March 17
Development Advisory Committee	March 19
Financial Affairs Advisory Committee	March 22
General Counsel's Advisory Committee	Reschedule pending
Information Technology Committee	March 24

Medical Affairs Advisory Committee	March 17
Research Policies Committee	March 19
Secretary of the University Advisory Committee	March 2
Student Relations Advisory Committee	March 26
Committee on Anti-Racism	March 26
Committee on the Economic and Social Well-Being of the Faculty	March 25
Committee for Fairness, Equity, and Inclusion	March 17
Committee on Oversight of Administrative Action	March 19

Guidepost Solutions met with the Academic Affairs Advisory Committee on February 24 and with the Committee on Oversight of Administrative Action on February 26.

#### **4. FACULTY SENATE**

There are no new updates for Faculty Senate at this time.

#### **5. FACULTY SENATE OFFICE**

The Faculty Senate Office is beginning of the process of recruiting volunteers and populating Senate Assembly committees with Faculty Senate members for Fall 2021.

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