

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

SUBJECT: June 2020 Faculty Governance Update

Overview of items discussed:

1. SACUA
2. Senate Assembly
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1. SACUA

SACUA extended its meeting schedule into June. SACUA met electronically May 18 and June 1 with an additional meeting scheduled for June 15. Dr. Rebecca Cunningham, Vice President for Research, was a guest for the **May 18** meeting. Dr. Cunningham discussed plans to ramp up research at the university, and she answered questions put forth by SACUA members. During this meeting, SACUA finalized the charge for an ad hoc committee focused on the University Library and Open Access. During the **June 1** meeting, three committee chairs from the Interim Provost's fall planning committees attended to provide an update about their respective committee's work, including, Elizabeth Moje, Dean of the School of Education, James Hilton, Vice Provost and Dean of Libraries, and Lynn Videka, Dean of the School of Social Work. SACUA representatives currently serve on the three committees that were not represented at this meeting.

SACUA sent Faculty Senate names to the President's Office for consideration for the:

- Advisory Board of Intercollegiate Athletics (ABIA) – 4 names submitted
- Honorary Degree Committee – 7 names submitted

2. SENATE ASSEMBLY

A special Senate Assembly meeting was held via Zoom on **June 8** with President Schlissel. Although the Senate Assembly term ended for the year in April, participation was excellent, with 60 people attending the meeting. President Schlissel spent the first twenty minutes giving an update on fall planning and potential scenarios for fall semester. During the next twenty-five minutes, Senate Assembly members posed questions to President Schlissel concerning fall planning covering issues such as the availability of technology to support remote teaching, action that may be taken to support faculty who may be impacted if public schools do not resume full time schedules placing childcare responsibilities in conflict with teaching schedules, and future impacts related to course evaluations and promotion and tenure implications. Senate Assembly members split into seven breakout rooms, each facilitated by a SACUA member, to discuss faculty questions and concerns in more detail. Plans are underway to share the feedback from the breakout rooms with President Schlissel.

3. SENATE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

Senate Assembly committees have been working on completing annual reports. Reports are being posted on the Faculty Senate Office website as they are received.

The 2019-2020 [Administrative Evaluation Survey](#) is currently underway and will remain open until June 22.

Committee rosters will be finalized and committee charges will be developed over the coming weeks for the 2020-2021 year.

4. FACULTY SENATE

A Faculty Senate Town Hall has been scheduled via Zoom for **July 8** from 3:00 to 4:30 with President Schlissel and Interim Provost Collins attending together. This Town Hall will provide a venue where faculty can be apprised of fall plans, and where they can ask questions.

5. FACULTY SENATE OFFICE

The Faculty Senate Office held an election for the next Faculty Senate member of the U-M Police Department Oversight Committee. Six candidates ran for the seat. Sarah Peitzmeier, Assistant Professor in the UM School of Nursing, was elected to serve a three-year term.

Faculty governance leadership has continued to meet online with the faculty governance consortium to discuss fall planning activities at the various institutions. The Faculty Senate Office Director, MaryJo Banasik, attended the most recent meeting focused on budgets. Meetings are being scheduled bi-weekly. Sixteen institutions are represented in the consortium, including Brown, Caltech, Carnegie-Mellon, Columbia, Dartmouth, MIT, NYU, Princeton, Rice, Stanford, UC Berkeley, University of Chicago, University of Pennsylvania, UT Austin, and Yale.

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