

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

**SUBJECT: June 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 May 17, May 24, and June 7. At the **May 17** meeting, SACUA discussed recommendations by the Senate Assembly Committee on Fairness, Equity, and Inclusion (CFEI) for the Provost's office to take steps to address COVID impacts on the promotion and tenure process for the next cycle. The recommendations included that faculty have the opportunity to provide a personal statement about how the pandemic impacted them personally, and flexibility allowing additional time to receive materials due to increased delays of receipt of review letters that are beyond the control of the faculty member. Several topics were discussed in executive session including a fall planning petition, an amendment to electronic rules, the WilmerHale Report pertaining to Dr. Anderson, and population of the Standing Judicial Committee for procedures set forth in Regents Bylaw 5.09. Faculty Senate member nominations were also considered to recommend to serve on the Advisory Board for Intercollegiate Athletics (ABIA). At the **May 24** meeting, SACUA discussed implications of the decision by the Ann Arbor Schools to eliminate before and after school care during the 2021-2022 academic year. A discussion took place about how academics and athletics can be optimally integrated. At the **June 7** meeting, SACUA discussed the Administrator Evaluation Committee (AEC) survey, and President Schlissel's question 14 which tied funding for students at the Flint and Dearborn campuses to negative impacts on academic excellence and lower salary growth on the Ann Arbor campus. SACUA deliberated about nominees to be considered for the Regents' Award for Distinguished Public Service.

**2. SENATE ASSEMBLY**

Senate Assembly did not have any scheduled meetings beyond its last meeting on May 10.

**3. SENATE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES**

Senate Assembly committees have completed their work for the academic year. Final reports have been submitted for many committees and some are currently in process.

**4. FACULTY SENATE**

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

**5. FACULTY SENATE OFFICE**

The Faculty Senate Office is currently working on populating Senate Assembly committees for the 2021-2022 academic year. Eighty-nine faculty members volunteered to join a committee to total over 200 volunteers participating on a Senate Assembly committee for 2021-2022.

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