

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

September 2019 Updates

SACUA was on hiatus for regular business for the summer, and therefore will only meet for special meetings. Regular meetings resumed on September 9, 2019. Similarly, Senate Assembly was on hiatus over the summer, and will resume meetings on September 23, 2019.

SACUA held a special meeting on May 31, 2019 to review a 5.09 dismissal case which is now concluded. In accordance with Regents' Bylaw 5.09.04, we reviewed the transcripts and reports from the ad hoc hearing committee and the SACUA review committee; we then forwarded our recommendation to President Schlissel.

The faculty senate office director search subcommittee completed its search and hired a new director, Dr. MaryJo Banasik, who started the first week of August. We were pleased to have a strong pool of interested and qualified candidates for our job posting.

SACUA began its academic year with a half-day retreat on August 22, 2019. We discussed our shared vision for the academic year, and outlined plans to improve communication between senate assembly committees, senate assembly, and the broader senate so that all are aware of the important work done at each level.

Upcoming Fall Items

We are overseeing a current dismissal case under Regents' Bylaw 5.09.05.

We are hosting the Big Ten Academic Alliance Faculty Governance conference from October 17-19, 2019. At this event, the senate chairs, vice chairs, and faculty senate staff of the Big Ten are invited to share issues, concerns, and best practices from their respective campuses. We anticipate discussing topics related to academic freedom, admissions trends across the Big Ten, and comparisons of dismissal processes. The hosting for this event rotates among the Big Ten campuses, and we are honored to host this year.

SACUA is hosting the Davis Markert Nickerson Academic Freedom Lecture on October 30, 2019 with a lecture from Hank Reichman, professor emeritus of history at California State University East Bay. The title of Reichman's lecture is "*Do Adjuncts Have Academic Freedom?, or Why Tenure Matters*". He recently authored *The Future of Academic Freedom* (2019), and has chaired the AAUP's influential Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure. The lecture will be held from 4:00 to 5:00PM in Michigan Law, Hutchins Hall, Room 100. It is free and open to the public, and all are encouraged to attend.

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