

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

SUBJECT: October 2019 Faculty Governance Update

Overview of items discussed:

1. SACUA
2. Senate Assembly
3. Senate Assembly Committees

1. SACUA

SACUA met on September 9, September 16, and September 30.

Highlights during the **September 9** meeting included the opportunity to provide feedback on the University of Michigan Emergency Alert System Opt-Out Project and review of Senate Assembly committee charges for the next academic year.

Highlights during the **September 16** meeting included discussions concerning planning of content for the 2019 Big Ten Academic Alliance Governance Conference that will be hosted by the Faculty Senate Office from October 17 – October 19. SACUA committee liaisons were also approved for Senate Assembly committees.

President Mark Schlissel was a guest at the **September 30** meeting. President Schlissel responded to requests for information that SACUA submitted prior to the meeting including requests about issues that have arisen in connection with foreign interests in research activities, input about the administration's stance on vaping activities on campus, and plans to address parking concerns at the University Hospital. SACUA also engaged with President Schlissel during executive session. SACUA discussed a report prepared by the Information Technology Committee last year, which included concerns about the inability to secure a meeting between Academic Innovation and the Committee, and a review of on-line voting/participation for Faculty Senate meetings. Ivo Dinov, the immediate past chair of the Information Technology Committee and current SACUA member will report back to SACUA at an upcoming meeting about technology requirements to implement e-voting.

Provost Martin Philbert is scheduled to attend an upcoming SACUA meeting on **October 7** in which he and members of the Provost's Office will discuss HLC accreditation.

2. SENATE ASSEMBLY

The first Senate Assembly meeting of the academic year took place on **September 23**. Senate Assembly approved Senate Assembly committee rosters and charges. New members were welcomed, and the group participated in a visioning exercise for the year.

The group received unit reports outlining the status of their schools and efforts they have taken to liaise with Faculty Senate. Additional unit reports will be scheduled throughout the year. The reporting schools from North Campus were Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design (David Turnley, Associate Professor of Art and Design); College of Engineering (Annalisa Manera, Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences); and the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance (Christianne Myers, Associate Professor of Theater and Drama).

3. SENATE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

A committee chair luncheon was held at the Trotter Multicultural Center to recognize committee chairs for their important roles and to share best practices and tools to facilitate committee meetings (including templates for agendas, minutes, and committee reports, and a standard procedures guide outlining administrative support available through the Faculty Senate Office).

The following six committees recently had their first meeting of the year:

Committee on Civil Rights & Liberties	Met:	September 19
Committee for an Inclusive University	Met:	September 24
Student Relations Advisory Committee	Met:	September 27
Research Policies Committee	Met:	September 27
Academic Affairs Advisory Committee	Met:	October 2
Secretary of the University Advisory Committee	Met:	October 3

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