

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

**SUBJECT: December 2020 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 October 19, November 2, and November 9. At the **October 19** meeting, SACUA discussed plans for the October 26 Senate Assembly meeting including the charge for a proposed Senate Assembly Committee on Anti-Racism (CAR). A new outreach program called SACUA Open Mic was discussed. This program will provide a couple of opportunities each week for Senate Assembly members to connect with a SACUA member through a standing Zoom meeting link. During this time, Senate Assembly members can bring issues or questions forward to discuss with a SACUA member. At the October 19 meeting, SACUA also populated the COVID-19 Faculty Council, which will advise President Schlissel and Provost Collins about issues related to Winter term and COVID-19. At the **November 2** meeting, Dean Mike Solomon of the Rackham Graduate School attended in executive session. Two additional guests attended the meeting. A faculty member attended in executive session to discuss experiences with racism, and another faculty member attended to discuss One University and the connection of the two regional campuses to the Ann Arbor campus. At the **November 9** meeting, President Schlissel attended the meeting in executive session. SACUA approved the agenda for the November 16 Senate Assembly meeting. SACUA liaisons gave brief reports about Senate Assembly committees that have been meeting this term. The SACUA chair has also established regular meetings with the leadership of the Lecturers' Employees Organization (LEO) as well as Central Student Government (CSG).

**2. SENATE ASSEMBLY**

Senate Assembly met on October 26 and November 16. During the **October 26** meeting, Senate Assembly approved a new Senate Assembly Committee on Anti-Racism along with charges for the committee. Senate Assembly participated in breakout groups where they discussed the University's proposed use of volunteer advisors for Title IX proceedings. On **November 16**, President Schlissel attended Senate Assembly with Tami Strickman, Associate Vice President for Institutional Equity. They discussed OIE. Their visit was followed by a team from the provost's office and the Office of General Counsel to discuss the interim sexual misconduct policy. Elizabeth Seney, Title IX Coordinator, presented to the Assembly.

**3. SENATE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES**

Senate Assembly committee work is underway. The following committees recently met, or have upcoming meetings scheduled:

Academic Affairs Advisory Committee  
Communications Advisory Committee  
Development Advisory Committee  
Financial Affairs Advisory Committee

October 6, 28, November 11  
November 16  
October 27  
November 16

General Counsel's Advisory Committee	November 9
Government Relations Advisory Committee	November 10
Information Technology Committee	November 17
Medical Affairs Advisory Committee	November 18
Research Policies Committee	November 13
Secretary of the University Advisory Committee	November 10
Student Relations Advisory Committee	November 20
Committee on the Economic and Social Well-Being of the Faculty	November 30
Committee for Fairness, Equity, and Inclusion	November 11
Committee on Oversight of Administrative Action	October 23, November 13

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

There have been no Faculty Senate meetings since the September 16 meeting.

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

The Faculty Senate Office has had two meetings so far with the Electronic Meetings and Accessibility Task Force. The Task Force is considering procedures for electronic meetings for Faculty Senate and Senate Assembly that will ensure that meetings and communications are accessible. The Faculty Senate Office will be hiring a new Faculty Governance Coordinator for the office. The job announcement is expected to be posted the week after Thanksgiving. It is hoped that the new Coordinator will start soon after the New Year.

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