TCTF Motion 1: (pending approval)

Whereas, the University of Michigan (and the Faculty Senate and Faculty Assembly) is composed of three campuses and typically not all campuses are represented on SACUA,

and whereas, SACUA membership is determined by a vote of the Assembly in March or April of each year,

we move to increase the SACUA membership from 9 voting members to 11 at the next SACUA election and thereafter, in accordance with SACUA nomination and election procedures. The election would proceed as before with eligibility determined by recent election to the Senate Assembly or SACUA Committee. The election would ensure that each campus has at least one member by taking the highest vote receiver from any campus not represented. The maximum number of representatives from one unit would be readjusted to account for the increased size of SACUA.

DRAFT TCTF Motion 2:

Whereas the concerns and points of intersection between the three campuses within the University of Michigan may evolve over time as the institution grows,

Whereas policies of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents, University of Michigan Faculty Handbook, and Standard Practice Guide (among others) apply to all three campuses,

Whereas the University of Michigan’s longstanding traditions in academic freedom and shared governance are shared concerns of all three campuses, who are one faculty,

Be it resolved that a permanent Tri-Campus Task Force Committee of the Senate Assembly shall be established to consider points of interest delegated to it by SACUA, such as those that relate to the relationship between the three campuses or policies across the institution.

Composition: A SACUA representative for each of the three campuses and at least one representative from each campus who has recently been elected to the Senate Assembly or has served on a SACUA committee, for a total of 6 members.

Expectation: To meet minimally twice per fall and winter semesters once per month, ideally in coordination with Senate Assembly meetings.

Charge: To act on matters delegated by SACUA; foster institution-wide understanding of governance values and policies across the institution; and, coordinate with the executive leadership of each campus on matters of mutual interest between the campuses, among other matters of shared concern.
DRAFT TCTF Motion 3:

Resolution on Governance at all Levels:

Whereas the principles of faculty governance apply to all three campuses across the University of Michigan as an institution;

Whereas the Principles for Faculty Participation in Institutional Governance state that “Faculty members are encouraged to use these principles as a basis for ensuring their effective participation in governance at all levels; [...] Agencies for faculty participation in the government of the college/school or university shall be established at each level where faculty responsibility is to be met. A faculty-elected campus-wide body shall exist for the presentation of the views of the whole faculty. The agencies may consist of meetings of all faculty members of a department, school, college, division, or university system, or they may take the form of faculty-elected executive committees in departments and colleges/schools, and a faculty-elected body for larger divisions or for the institution as a whole (Part A.5.).”

Whereas faculty serve in a variety of roles, including through governance within committees, programs, departments, schools, colleges, institutes, divisions, and assemblies;

Whereas the governance structures of the institution vary in number and type by campus;

Whereas an instructional unit may be most often a school or college to the campus, but a department or program to a school or college;

Be it resolved that the U of M Senate Assembly acknowledges the importance of faculty participation in institutional shared governance at every level of academic responsibility, as well as the faculty’s right and duty to develop and ratify internal procedures (without interference if in accordance with the SPG ‘Hierarchy of Legal and Policy Requirements’), in order to establish mechanisms for their participation at those levels;

And that the faculty may reasonably expect that the level of governance best informed by the their academic expertise will, so that the university is driven by expertise-based decision-making, live up to the governance mechanisms and parliamentary procedure adopted by the University of Michigan Senate Assembly.