

## Rackham Executive Board 2022-2023 Academic Year Annual Report of Executive Board Minutes

In fulfilling its charge as established in the By-Laws of the Rackham Executive Board (Board), the Board carried out the following activities. The Chair of the Board during 2022-23 was Dean Michael J. Solomon of the Rackham Graduate School. A [roster of the Board members](#) and other participants is available on the Rackham Graduate School website. All meetings were held in hybrid form with a Zoom option and an in-person option at the Rackham Graduate School.

**Note:** items are listed chronologically in each section. Meeting dates are in parenthesis.

### Fall Term 2022

#### Board Actions

- Ford School of Public Policy requested to suspend admissions to the Master of Public Affairs (MPA) program for one-year for the 2022-2023 academic year. Approved. (09/28/2022)
- School of Public Health's Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health requested to suspend admissions to the MS in Clinical Research (MSCR) program for two years starting immediately. Approved. (09/28/2022)
- The Interdepartmental Program in Classical Art and Archaeology (IPCAA) sought approval of their name change to the Interdepartmental. Program in Ancient Mediterranean Art and Archaeology (IPAMAA). Approved. (11/09/2022)

#### Board Discussions

- Discussion of the draft Rackham Graduate Faculty Statement of Values, Privileges, and Responsibilities (09/28/2022)
- Review of the plan for obtaining Rackham community feedback about the proposed Rackham Graduate Faculty Statement (09/28/2022)
- Presentation followed by discussion of the Rackham Policy and Process for Crime and Conduct Disclosures on the Rackham Application. (10/12/2022)
- Proposal to post meeting minutes of the Rackham Executive Board (10/12/2022)
- Discussed State of the Graduate School breakout session summaries (10/12/2022)
- Board members provided feedback regarding the changes to Rackham's core admissions application to enhance gender inclusivity. (10/26/2022)
- Discussion of Rackham support for graduate student parents and caregivers (11/09/2022)
- Discussion of the feedback and new draft of the Rackham Graduate Faculty Statement of Values, Privileges, and Responsibilities (11/30/2022)

## Winter Term 2023

### Board Actions

- U-M Dearborn Industrial and Systems Engineering Ph.D. program submitted a change request to allow admissions to the ISE Ph.D. program with a bachelor's degree. Approved. (02/15/2023)
- A sub-plan in autonomous systems under the MSE degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering came before the Board. Approved. (02/15/2023)
- Dance MFA proposal to revise the program from a 2-year to a 3-year program came before the Board. Approved. (03/15/2023)
- School of Social Work and Economics Joint Ph.D. closure came before the Board. Approved. (03/15/2023)
- SEAS closure of Landscape Architecture Ph.D. program came before the Board. Approved. (03/15/2023)
- The Board discussed a proposal to consolidate Environment & Sustainability Ph.D. programs. Approved. (03/15/2023)
- Closure of Latin master's in teaching (MAT) program came before the Board. Approved. (04/05/2023)
- Creation of Dental Hygiene AS to MS pathway proposal. Approved. (04/05/2023)
- The Statement of Values, Privileges, and Responsibilities of the Rackham Graduate Faculty came before the Board for a vote. Motion 1a to amend the By-Laws of Rackham's Executive Board in sections 3 and 7 as presented in the advance materials and Motion 1b to add Appendix 2 (the Statement) and Appendix 3 (the allegation policy and process) as written passed. (04/05/2023)
- A proposal to remove the anonymous reporting option from Appendix 3 (the Policy and Process to Address Allegations of Failure to Uphold the Professional Standards of the Rackham Graduate Faculty) came before the Board. This was considered Motion 2 following the 04/05/2023 vote on sections 3 and 7 of the Rackham By-Laws. Motion 2, to remove the anonymous reporting option, did not pass. Appendix 3 will remain as written. (04/19/2023)

### Board Discussions

- Presentation on the Rackham Merit Fellowship (RMF), current status and possible changes (02/15/2023)
- Graduate student Board participants brought the GEO Fair Raises Letter of Support forward to the Board from RSG, GRIN and SCOR for consideration. (02/15/2023)
- Highlights from the 2022-2023 Rackham Program Review from Division I: Biological and Health Sciences were presented to the Board. (02/15/2023)
- Highlights from the 2022-2023 Rackham Program Review from Division III: Social Sciences were presented to the Board. (02/15/2023)
- Additional discussion regarding the Rackham Merit Fellowship (RMF) (04/04/2023)
- Graduate Faculty Statement reviewed along with the Policy and Process to Address Allegations of Failure to Uphold Professional Standards of the Rackham Graduate Faculty (03/15/2023)

- The Board discussed and provided feedback on the proposal to offer 12-month funding to Ph.D. students (03/15/2023)
- Highlights from the 2022-2023 Rackham Program Review from Division IV: Humanities and the Arts were presented to the Board. (04/19/2023)
- Highlights from the 2022-2023 Rackham Program Review from Division II: Physical Sciences and Engineering were presented to the Board. (04/19/2023)
- Future of Rackham Executive Board Minutes. (04/19/2023)