



## SENATE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE CHARGES 2019 – 2020

### **Advisory Committees to the Vice-Presidents of the University**

*Academic Affairs Advisory Committee (AAAC)*

*Advisory to: Martin Philbert, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

*Committee chair: Prof. Kentaro Toyama*

#### GENERAL CHARGE

As the voice of faculty, the committee shall advise and consult with the Vice President for Academic Affairs on policy and procedure issues related to the broad range of University academic activities. The committee's advice shall be sought and given in a timely manner so that the advice could affect the decision-making outcome.

#### SPECIFIC CHARGES 2019 – 2020

- Evaluate faculty involvement in searches for unit administrators, including in the appointment of search committees and provision of input to them.
- Understand and provide input into the planned modifications to Regents Bylaws 5.09 and 5.10, regarding processes around termination of tenured faculty.
- Understand and provide input into changes to Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) and its processes. This includes understanding and responding to the third-party report about OIE that was completed and released in AY2018-2019.
- A relevant issue carried over from previous years is that of ensuring due process for faculty under OIE review. In particular, are faculty able to appeal the facts of a case brought against them.
- Ask about any known repercussions due to the changes in SPG 601.22 – on faculty-student relationships – in AY2018-2019.
- Ask about any known repercussions due to the changes in SPG 601.38 – on mandatory reporting of felonies – in AY2018-2019.
- Evaluate whether oversight of Michigan Press is in line with Bylaws.
- Ask about the nature and impact of the recent ~50 new lines hired under DEI initiatives.
- Understand university support for study abroad programs, and specifically whether there are redundant structures: Are there structures that do work that overlaps with the International Institute, and if so, are they necessary?
- Work with SACUA to improve communication between faculty governance bodies and faculty at the university