



GENERAL CHARGE FOR STANDING SENATE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

Standing committees are established by Senate Assembly as mandated in Section 4.06 of the Regents' Bylaws. In collaboration with the Faculty Senate Office and SACUA, standing committees advise and consult with the vice presidents of the university on matters within the areas of their respective responsibilities. Senate Assembly standing committees are charged with bringing faculty voice and perspective to a broad range of university activities including policy and procedure. Senate Assembly standing committees shall strive to provide advice and consultation to their respective vice presidents in a timely fashion so that faculty perspectives are considered during the decision-making process.

General Counsel's Advisory Committee (GCAC)

Advisory to: Timothy Lynch, Vice President and General Counsel

Committee Chair: Rogério Pinto, School of Social Work

SPECIFIC CHARGE – 2022 – 2023

1. Free speech issues, legal protections.
2. Academic integrity in the virtual environment, protection of intellectual output.
3. The role and philosophy of the OGC, how it views input from faculty, and how it uses such input. Examples of implementation of input from faculty?
4. Steps taken to improve the climate on campus and, in particular, tackle sexual misconduct: <https://publicaffairs.vpcomm.umich.edu/sexual-misconduct-prevention/>. What might the University consider doing differently?
5. Based on the OGC's philosophy, how would it view the social, cultural, and monetary cost of sexual misconduct within the university environment?
6. Clarification/rationale for using external law firms to help with the legal work generated by the university.
7. Issues concerning background checks for staff and faculty. What are the differences between staff and faculty? History of how/when we started conducting background checks? How is background check used by the university?