

Committee Report

To: Silvia Pedraza, Chair, SACUA

From: Lori Tschirhart, Chair, General Counsel's Advisory Committee (GCAC)

Subject: Report on Activities of General Counsel's Advisory Committee (GCAC)
for Academic Year 2021-2022

Members:

- Tim Lynch (General Counsel and Vice President)
- Lori Tschirhart, chair (University Library/Library Research-HS-STEM)
- Michael Bastedo (School of Education)
- Lorraine Buis (Medical School/Family Medicine)
- Steven Chinn (Medicine/Otorhinolaryngology)
- Elena Gallo, SACUA Liaison (LSA/Astronomy)
- Adam Matzger (LSA/Chemistry)
- Rogerio Pinto (School of Social Work)
- Seth Quidachay-Swan (Michigan Law/Law Library)
- Pam Smock (LSA/Sociology)
- Judith Walker (Counseling & Support Services)
- Yuanxiao Xu (University Library/Library Research-Copyright, left U-M)

- before attending a meeting)
- Madison Brown (LSA/student)
 - Jacob Pearlman (Michigan Law/student)

SACUA Liaison: Elena Gallo (LSA/Astronomy)

Meeting Dates:

- Oct. 21, 2021
- Nov. 11, 2021
- March 17, 2022
- April 6, 2022

Summary/ 2021-2022 Charge:

The topics of focus for the year included:

1. Free speech issues, legal protections.
2. Academic integrity in the virtual environment, protection of intellectual output.
3. Implementation of the Equity, Civil Rights and Title IX Office (ECRT) and related items.
4. Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct Umbrella Policy.
5. Legal liability issues related to health and safety during COVID-19.

Summary Topic 1: New SPG related to anti-retaliation (Oct.21, 2021)

Summary Topic 2: Equity, Civil Rights, and Title IX Office (ECRT) (Nov.11, 2021)

- Managing implementation of new policies
- Academic Freedom
- Politics and Academic Freedom – Florida Example

Summary Topic 3: Privacy and Release of Information: Overview and Discussion (Mar. 17, 2022)

Summary Topic 4: Laying the Groundwork for a New President (April 6, 2022)