



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.

Academic Affairs Advisory Committee (AAAC)

Advisory to: Laurie K. McCauley, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Committee Chair: Emmanuelle Marquis, College of Engineering

SPECIFIC CHARGE 2023 – 2024

1. Develop educational guidance for students aimed toward supporting an academic environment in which faculty may be presenting and discussing content that students find uncomfortable.
2. Develop best administrative practices for faculty responses to student objections to course content, with consideration made regarding University procedures and resources that tend to support or challenge faculty academic freedom.
3. In collaboration with SACUA, continue pursuing such further work related to the AAAC 2022-2023 recommendations regarding SPG reviews and revisions related to disability and illnesses, with consideration of the following SPGs:
 - a. 201.12 Discipline
 - b. 201.15 Fitness for Duty
 - c. 201.15-01 Temporary Removal of Faculty for Lack of Fitness for Duty
 - d. 201.11-1 Sick Leave Plan—Academic Appointments
4. Assess current practices regarding disability support for faculty and staff, and provide recommendations regarding improvement.
5. Brainstorm on a potential symposium or invited speaker event focused on research around faculty burnout, including defining “burnout,” identifying root causes, and policies and procedures to prevent burnout—with planning, logistical, and financial assistance from the Faculty Senate Office.
6. Consider with the Provost any further issues or topics brought forward by the AAAC committee members or the Provost for discussion over the course of the year. While coordinating with the Faculty Senate Office to help avoid duplicating



work that SACUA has now referred to itself or to another committee, the committee may also continue discussing any issues or topics raised in the committee's most recent annual committee report.