



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 – 2023 – 2024

1. Consider emergent issues or topics brought forward by the GCAC committee members and/or the General Counsel for discussion over the course of the year
2. Continue the committee's discussions on policies and practices for protecting academic freedom, with consideration of the following:
 - a. U-M's past and current efforts
 - b. policies from other institutions
 - c. how accreditation may be employed to support academic freedom
3. Explore how the intersection of ethics, law, and retaliation concerns at the University impact its culture, with the goal of developing recommendations for possible further action by the Office of the General Counsel and/or SACUA and the Faculty Senate.