



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.

Government Relations Advisory Committee (GRAC)

Advisory to: Chris Kolb, Vice President for Government Relations

Committee Chair: Tom Braun, School of Public Health

SPECIFIC CHARGE 2023 – 2024

1. Review recent examples of government investigations of faculty that undermine academic freedom (such as recent efforts to identify and prosecute alleged Chinese spies) and offer recommendations for action by the Office of Government Relations.
2. Work with VP Kolb to identify specific areas needing faculty engagement with government relations issues, and identify, contact, and solicit the assistance of faculty members with expertise and connections with the potential to impact policy making.
3. Examine how UM can work directly with Ann Arbor city government officials to develop plans for creating and maintaining affordable housing for graduate students.
4. Consider emergent issues or topics brought forward by GRAC committee members or the Vice President for Government Relations 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.