



## GENERAL CHARGE FOR STANDING SENATE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

Standing committees are established by the 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.

*Research Advisory Committee (RAC)*

*Advisory to:* Rebecca Cunningham, Vice President for Research

*Committee Chair:* Yulia Sevryugina, University of Michigan Library

### SPECIFIC CHARGE 2023 – 2024

1. Review current OVPR incentives and support for development and implementation of sustainability and climate change initiatives at U-M, including [MI Hydrogen](#) and the [Institute for Energy Solutions](#), to raise awareness and identify ways faculty members could become more involved in supporting those efforts.
2. Develop recommendations for how the University could better support research faculty development and retention.
3. In collaboration with the Office of the Vice President for Research, consider how the University and the Faculty Senate could better spark innovation and cross-discipline collaboration on research projects, such as by coordinating with the Bold Challenges team to host a “pollination” event or exploring AI-related initiatives.
4. Consider emergent issues or topics brought forward by RAC committee members or VP Cunningham 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.