

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.

Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

Advisory to: Arthur Lupia, Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation

Committee Chair: Orsolya Lautner-Csorba, Michigan Medicine

SPECIFIC CHARGE 2024 – 2025

1. AI Research and Perspectives: How Artificial Intelligence (AI) impacts research and can be ethically incorporated into research. Given the dynamic nature of artificial intelligence, continuous updates on AI developments and perspectives are still essential and how it impacts research and how it can be incorporated into research. Guidance in ethical use of AI in research settings. Key areas of focus should include e.g. writing/reporting, literature reviewing, data collection, data analysis, publication, education, boosting work productivity and teaching. AI regulation nationwide and University policies/practices should be discussed. Updated library resources can further support and clarify the role of AI in research.
2. Research Faculty Development: Formulate strategies to better support the development of Research Faculty (RF) in the sciences, such as facilitate internal grants, gap and startup funds, partner and service discovery, and identify the specific stressors of faculty burnout.
3. Research in the Arts and Humanities: What is the role of the arts and humanities in the mission of U-M and in society. What is the U-M's strategy to provide more support to researchers from the Arts and Humanities (e.g. financial, more protected time for research, more even number of course preparation between tenured faculty and lecturers).
4. Emergent Issues: Consider emergent issues or topics brought forward by the RAC committee members and/or the VP for Research for discussion over the course of the year.

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