

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.

Student Relations Advisory Committee (SRAC)

Advisory to: Martino Harmon, PhD, Vice President for Student Life

Committee Chair: Marita R. Inglehart, Dipl. Psych., Dr. phil., Dr. phil. habil., School of Dentistry & Department of Psychology, LS & A

SPECIFIC CHARGE 2024 – 2025

1. SRAC is charged with reviewing the Statement on Student Rights and Responsibilities every three years. These efforts are likely to take up a majority of time of the 2024/25 SRAC activities in this coming year.
2. In addition, assessing the factors that challenge students' progression to graduation should be considered. With this focus in mind, three potential moderating factors should be explored:
 - a. A first factor of interest is to gain a better understanding about how students with diverse abilities and special accommodations encounter their journey to graduation. This topic is timely and relevant because of the rapidly increasing numbers and types of accommodations that have been appearing. We suggest a review of common practices across similar institutions as well as meetings with the leadership of the Student Accessibility and Accommodations Services (SAAS) and the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) office. The results of these efforts should be reported back to SACUA as recommendations for future faculty initiatives.
 - b. A second factor of interest is to explore how students from the LGBTQ+ community and especially gender diverse students experience their journey to graduation. Meetings with the Spectrum Center administrators will be helpful for these efforts.
 - c. Exploring how students with mental health-related diagnoses experience their journey to graduations and the services they receive is the third aspect of these efforts.
3. Solicit feedback on the perception of a "healthy campus social climate" from students

and units, programs, and offices already working in this area, and develop recommendations to improve cross-campus coordination and collaboration to increase awareness and participation in existing and new initiatives.

4. Emergent issues or topics brought forward by SRAC committee members or the Vice President for Student Life for discussion should be discussed over the course of the year. One such new development is the introduction of an inaugural Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Angela Dillard. SRAC should invite Vice Provost Dillard for at least one committee meeting to explore how positive collaborations between this new Vice Provost and the Student Life administration can be achieved.

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