



GCAC

Meeting date and time: Fri. 3/14: 10am-11:15am

Location: Ruthven 1100 and Zoom

Agenda Items

- Call to order, approval of agenda and minutes, announcements
- Faculty perspectives on how the General Counsel can convey to policymakers that the University of Michigan is making a difference in the lives of the students, faculty, the community, and the world
- New Business/ Matters arising
- Adjournment

As we all know, the executive branch of the federal government is now requiring new levels of accountability for all institutions and organizations which receive federal funding. Some of our successes here at University of Michigan are easily counted—graduation rates, employment statistics, patents, and publications. However, individual stories are high impact, and some of our greatest achievements are more difficult to “count.” The university now faces an existential challenge with the threat of withdrawal of support of hundreds of millions of federal dollars annually.

Our committee charge requires us to “advise and consult with the vice presidents of the university on matters within the areas of their respective responsibilities,” and to “bring... faculty voice and perspective to a broad range of university activities.”

Here in this moment, our university leaders are working hard to provide the narrative to political actors across the spectrum to continue to justify and encourage the significant governmental investment in our work. In keeping with our committee charge to bring the faculty voice and perspectives on the most pressing issues of the day, **please come to the GCAC meeting with your perspectives on how the General Counsel can convey to policymakers that the University of Michigan is making a difference in the lives of the students, faculty, the community, and the world.**

We will also leave time in the second part of the meeting for “issues arising.”