



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.

Academic Affairs Advisory Committee (AAAC)

Advisory to: Laurie K. McCauley, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Committee Chair: Kentaro Toyama, School of Information, winter term 2026

Committee Chair: Silke Weineck, Germanic Languages and Literatures, fall term 2025

SPECIFIC CHARGE 2025 – 2026

1. Continued discussion of draft revisions to SPG 201.15-1.
2. Support the new mechanism allowing faculty to raise concerns about internal reviewers during the Provost's Office review of promotion and tenure cases. Follow up on the implementation of this process and the Provost's Office stated intention to increase transparency, particularly through publicly accessible information on their website.
3. Explore the trajectory of faculty committee recommendations (e.g., grievance hearing boards, 5.09 hearings, tenure and promotion recommendations) and taking into account faculty expertise and time commitments
4. Explore possibilities for additional support for international students, staff, and faculty, including through (1) providing resources to programs as they explore support for students to complete degrees remotely after deportation and (2) meaningful legal resources for students, staff, or faculty whose immigration status is threatened without apparent legal cause.
5. Discuss current challenges in higher education impacting research and education, including pressures on faculty to self-censor and funding cuts that impede the study of controversial subjects.
6. Discuss and recommend ways to support newly-tenured associate professors.
7. Explore new approaches to fostering interdisciplinarity across campus.



8. Discuss faculty perspectives on artificial intelligence with respect to the pedagogical mission of the university.
9. Consider emergent issues or topics brought forward by AAAC members or the Provost for discussion over the course of the year. The committee may also continue discussing any issues or topics raised in the committee's most recent annual committee report.