

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.

Development Advisory Committee (DAC)

Advisory to: Tom Baird, Vice President for Development

Committee Chair: Lori Tschirhart, University Library

SPECIFIC CHARGE – 2025 - 2026

1. Discuss with the VP for Development the effects of federal or state policy changes on the University that impact development goals or efforts;
2. In partnership with the SACUA Chair, the Faculty Senate Office Director, and Development, discuss opportunities for development support to obtain funds for new Faculty Senate initiatives to be proposed this year;
3. With the Communications Advisory Committee, explore and offer recommendations regarding how the University promotes faculty research and facilitates community engagement to the wider Michigan public;
4. Assess OUD's current approach to communicating with faculty and provide recommendations for increased engagement;
 - a. Assess platforms and channels (websites, faculty orientation, communications and marketing, etc).
 - b. Assess diversity of topics necessary for success (policy, characteristics, values, etc.).
 - c. Identify opportunities to amplify faculty awareness of unit-level development infrastructure and fundraisers; advise and/or assist OUD with the creation of informational materials for interested faculty members



- d. Communicate to faculty the existing safeguards in place to prevent the undue influence of donors, sharing information about due diligence processes and University values (including academic freedom), and OUD code of conduct.

5. Consider such other emergent issues or topics brought forward by DAC committee members or the Vice President for Development 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.