



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.

Secretary of the University Advisory Committee (SAC)

Advisory to: Jon Kinsey, Vice President and Secretary of the University

Committee Chair: Francine Dolins, UM-Dearborn, Psychology

SPECIFIC CHARGE 2025 – 2026

1. Explore how to return the Regents and the Executive Officers to a more frequent and robust consultation with relevant University stakeholders, with special emphasis on developing a consultative structure with SACUA. Relatedly, review current norms and practices in support of faculty connection to the Board of Regents, such as by considering whether to pursue the appointment of faculty liaisons to the Board of Regents or, more informally, a new norm of periodic lunches or casual conversations in support of faculty and Regent relationship building (perhaps organized by the Secretary's Office).
2. Discuss the ongoing efforts of the Secretary's Office to revise the University Bylaws.
3. In coordination with the SACUA Chair, keep aware of Board of Regent meetings and decisions, and draft periodic "need to know" bulletins or explanations that could be circulated when as part of the SACUA's chair's periodic newsletters, focusing on developments that impact the daily lives of faculty.
4. In partnership with SACUA, receive and review suggestions from SACUA and the Senate Assembly members for strategic priorities for the University to pursue that could be communicated to the Board of Regents, and select a subset of those submissions to share with VP Kinsey for consideration by the Board.
5. Consider emergent issues or topics brought forward by SAC committee members or the Secretary of the University 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.