



GENERAL CHARGE FOR SPECIAL SENATE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

Special committees are established by the Senate Assembly as authorized in Section 4.06 of the Regents' Bylaws. In collaboration with the Faculty Senate Office and SACUA, special committees assist the Senate Assembly with its work. Senate Assembly special committees are charged with bringing faculty voice and perspective to a broad range of university activities including policy and procedure.

Davis, Markert, and Nickerson Academic Freedom Lecture Committee (DMNC)

Committee Chairs: Gretchen Keppel-Aleks, College of Engineering
Nick Tobier, Stamps School of Art and Design

SPECIFIC CHARGE 2026 – 2027

1. Consider emergent issues or topics brought forward by DMNC committee members 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.
2. Host the Fall 2026 DMN lecture and related events. (The speaker(s) and event details will have been decided by last year's committee.)
3. Plan and host a Winter term event in collaboration with other U-M partners (keeping available funding in mind!), with the event description and participants developed by the end of the Fall 2026 term.
4. Brainstorm, discuss, and select the Fall 2027 DMN speaker(s). Plan other aspects of the Fall 2027 DMN event, as needed, and in consultation with SACUA and the Faculty Senate Office.
5. Pursue such other DMN-related initiatives as the committee deems appropriate for bolstering the University's commitment to academic and intellectual freedom.