

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.

The Senate Assembly is grateful for UM's vice presidents' time meeting with its committees and hopes that the meetings are of mutual benefit. Meeting agendas are best set collaboratively between the VP and committee chair, but because Senate Assembly committees are formed on behalf of the Faculty Senate, each committee retains final say on agenda items.

Academic Affairs Advisory Committee (AAAC)

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

Committee Chair: Julie Boland, Professor of Linguistics, Professor of Psychology and Associate Chair, Department of Psychology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

SPECIFIC CHARGE 2026 – 2027

1. 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.
2. Provide faculty perspectives on artificial intelligence.
3. Discuss the [McMahon "Call to Action" letter](#).
4. Offer committee member ideas regarding how to increase interdisciplinary work at UM.
5. Share information related to two topics raised in recent Faculty Senate resolutions: faculty tuition support and childcare support.
6. Hold a joint meeting of FAAC and AAAC to discuss budget matters with colleagues from the Provost's budget team and Finance.
7. Discuss support for the international community at UM, who continue to face higher levels of stress, threats, and legal issues compared with other community members.

Approved by the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA) on September 14, 2026 and by the Senate Assembly on September 21, 2026.