



GENERAL CHARGE FOR SPECIAL SENATE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

Special committees are established by Senate Assembly as authorized in Section 4.06 of the Regents' Bylaws. In collaboration with the Faculty Senate Office and SACUA, special committees assist 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.

Rules, Practices and Policies Committee (RPP)

Committee Chair: Jonathan R Brennan, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Specific Charge 2026-2027

1. Consider emergent issues or topics brought forward by RPP 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. Review with the Faculty Senate Office the Faculty Senate demographic impacts of revising Faculty Senate membership rules to attempt to better support non-tenure track faculty who take on leadership positions, thereby dropping their faculty appointment below 50% and causing them to lose Faculty Senate membership. Based on that review, develop recommendations for SACUA's consideration regarding whether any membership rule changes may be warranted. Care should be taken in how, pragmatically, the Faculty Senate Office can easily implement the language of any specific language that might be developed, with consideration of HR data. The RPP should compare the current overall Faculty Senate demographics to the demographics that would result based on any membership revisions.
3. Hold a joint meeting with the Secretary Advisory Committee (SAC) to discuss with VP Kinsey the relationship between the Senate Rules and the Regents' Bylaws, with consideration of issues to keep in mind in the event the Regents' Bylaws were to be updated.
4. Draft a potential Code of Conduct for Senate Assembly and Senate Assembly committee members.
5. Draft a succinct, simple process that might be used for addressing potential breaches of a Code of Conduct.