



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.

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 2026 – 2027

1. 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.
2. Discuss the results of the Presidential search, with consideration of the Faculty Senate's interest in representation on search committees. Consider more evenly distributed faculty representation on future searches from all three campuses.
3. Keep updated regarding the Regental Bylaws update project under consideration in the Secretary's Office. At the same time, independently conduct a historical review of key bylaw provisions identified by the committee to better understand the context of why the provisions were included in the Bylaws. Conduct an impact analysis to better understand how the removal or revision of these bylaws could affect the university.
4. Review how the Regents' Bylaws codify the relationship between the three campuses, with consideration for how the Flint and Dearborn campuses are supported as part of one University.



5. Hold a joint meeting with the Rules, Practices, and Policies (RPP) committee 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.
6. Hold a joint meeting with the Committee on the Economic and Social Well-Being of the Faculty (CESWF-CFEI) to discuss salary and compensation issues across the three campuses. Strategize about how these issues can be addressed with the Regents, President, and Provosts of the respective campuses.
7. Review the functionality of the Board of Regents' [online archives](#) for ease of use and accessibility of historical materials. Offer suggestions for improvement, if warranted.
8. Discuss conditions under which SACUA – the elected body of the Faculty Senate – could have regularly scheduled time in Board meetings.