The Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA) is the executive arm of the University Senate and of Senate Assembly. SACUA meets weekly and consists of nine members of the Senate Assembly elected by the Assembly for three-year terms. On behalf of the Assembly, SACUA advises and consults with the President, Provost, and the Executive Officers of the University on matters of University policy. SACUA also coordinates and initiates governance activities and serves as an instrument for implementing the actions of the University Senate and the Senate Assembly.

The Chair of SACUA is also the Chair of the Senate Assembly. In addition to a responsibility as leader of the faculty, the Chair of SACUA also meets regularly with the Executive Officers and serves as the faculty representative in their deliberations. Other SACUA members provide additional leadership for faculty governance activities and serve as liaisons with various Assembly Committees. Under the provisions of Regents Bylaw 5.09, SACUA together with the Tenure Committee exercises certain designated responsibilities in cases of serious disciplinary actions involving tenured members of the faculty.