



SENATE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE CHARGES 2019 – 2020

Advisory Committees to the Vice-Presidents of the University

Academic Affairs Advisory Committee (AAAC)

Advisory to: Martin Philbert, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Committee chair: Prof. Kentaro Toyama

GENERAL CHARGE

As the voice of faculty, the committee shall advise and consult with the Vice President for Academic Affairs on policy and procedure issues related to the broad range of University academic activities. The committee's advice shall be sought and given in a timely manner so that the advice could affect the decision-making outcome.

SPECIFIC CHARGES 2019 – 2020

- Evaluate faculty involvement in searches for unit administrators, including in the appointment of search committees and provision of input to them.
- Understand and provide input into the planned modifications to Regents Bylaws 5.09 and 5.10, regarding processes around termination of tenured faculty.
- Understand and provide input into changes to Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) and its processes. This includes understanding and responding to the third-party report about OIE that was completed and released in AY2018-2019.
- A relevant issue carried over from previous years is that of ensuring due process for faculty under OIE review. In particular, are faculty able to appeal the facts of a case brought against them.
- Ask about any known repercussions due to the changes in SPG 601.22 – on faculty-student relationships – in AY2018-2019.
- Ask about any known repercussions due to the changes in SPG 601.38 – on mandatory reporting of felonies – in AY2018-2019.
- Evaluate whether oversight of Michigan Press is in line with Bylaws.
- Ask about the nature and impact of the recent ~50 new lines hired under DEI initiatives.
- Understand university support for study abroad programs, and specifically whether there are redundant structures: Are there structures that do work that overlaps with the International Institute, and if so, are they necessary?
- Work with SACUA to improve communication between faculty governance bodies and faculty at the university



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Communications Advisory Committee (CAC)

Advisory to: Kallie Michels, Vice President for Communications

Committee chair: Dorene S. Markel

GENERAL CHARGE

As the voice of faculty, the committee shall advise and consult with the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer on policy and procedure issues related to the broad range of University activities. The committee's advice shall be sought and given in a timely manner so that the advice could affect the decision-making outcome.

SPECIFIC CHARGE – 2019 - 2020

1. Address the topic of free speech on campus in light of the upcoming national election season, clarifying the legal protections that are in place, at the intersection of academic freedom and our roles as state employees and the reminder to be neutral.
2. Open access
3. Address the ways faculty and staff can be better engaged with the surrounding community and the role communications can play.
4. Address other pressing and/or key campus issues as they arise, such as the upcoming results of the AAU Climate on Sexual Misconduct Survey.
5. Address other issues brought forward by the committee members and deemed important for the committee to discuss with the VP for Communications.



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Development Advisory Committee (DAC)

Advisory to: Tom Baird, Vice President for Development

Committee chair: Prof. John Pasquale

GENERAL CHARGE

As the voice of faculty, the committee shall advise and consult with the Vice President for Development on policy and procedure issues related to the broad range of University activities. The committee's advice shall be sought and given in a timely manner so that the advice could affect the decision-making outcome.

SPECIFIC CHARGE – 2019 - 2020

None



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Financial Affairs Advisory Committee (FAAC)

Advisory to: Kevin Hegarty, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Committee chair: Prof. Brian Love

GENERAL CHARGE

As the voice of faculty, the committee shall advise and consult with the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer on policy and procedure issues related to the broad range of University activities. The committee's advice shall be sought and given in a timely manner so that the advice could affect the decision-making outcome.

SPECIFIC CHARGE – 2019 - 2020

Review mechanisms/processes that ensure accountability and transparency in the use of academic resources: e.g., student fees, tuition revenue, endowments. Make any recommendations that may be considered necessary to insure that funds to support academic resources for students and faculty are not used in unintended ways.



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General Counsel's Advisory Committee (GCAC)

Advisory to: Timothy Lynch, Vice President and General Council

Committee chair: Prof. Margaret Hannon

GENERAL CHARGE

As the voice of faculty, the committee shall advise and consult with the Vice President and General Counsel for the University on policy and procedure issues related to the broad range of University activities. The committee's advice shall be sought and given in a timely manner so that the advice could affect the decision-making outcome.

SPECIFIC CHARGE – 2019 - 2020

Free speech issues, legal protections



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Government Relations Advisory Committee (GRAC)

Advisory to: Cynthia Wilbanks, Vice President for Government Relations

Committee chair: Dr. Ellen Bauerle

GENERAL CHARGE

As the voice of faculty, the committee shall advise and consult with the Vice President for Government Relations on policy and procedure issues related to the broad range of University activities. The committee's advice shall be sought and given in a timely manner so that the advice could affect the decision-making outcome.

SPECIFIC CHARGES 2019 - 2020

Free speech issues in light of election year, clarifying legal status

Review current and projected state budgetary priorities, especially relevant to higher education.

Discuss Michigan's state budget and identify its impact on the University.
Summarize local issues relevant to campus and University community.



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Information Technology Committee (ITC)

Advisory to: Ravi Pendse, Vice President for Information Technology and CIO

Committee chair: Prof. Melvin McInnis

GENERAL CHARGE

As the voice of faculty, the committee shall advise and consult with the Vice President for Information Technology on policy and procedure issues related to the broad range of University activities. The committee's advice shall be sought and given in a timely manner so that the advice could affect the decision-making outcome.

SPECIFIC CHARGES – 2019 - 2020

In keeping with the university's commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) consider issues of diversity in terms of service delivery and technical assistance, and provide best practices for IT resources and their effective use for new project development among diverse populations on campus.

Update the status report on CANVAS and how to evaluate it by conducting a survey of CANVAS users and analyzing the responses.

Consider the status of MOOCs and how to evaluate them. Explore the possibility of expanding the subject coverage of MOOCs.

Explore other innovations in progress that require advanced technical assistance.

Explore how faculty are engaged in technological innovations and advancements.



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Medical Affairs Advisory Committee (MAAC)

Advisory to: Marschall Runge, Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

Committee chair: Prof. Rishindra Reddy

GENERAL CHARGE

As the voice of faculty, the committee shall advise and consult with the Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs on policy and procedure issues related to the broad range of University activities. The committee's advice shall be sought and given in a timely manner so that the advice could affect the decision-making outcome.

SPECIFIC CHARGE 2019 - 2020

Explore any changes in healthcare and implications for curricular innovations.
Explore national and global health care issues and role of UM.
Continue to evaluate the Medical School reorganization.



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Research Policy Committee (RPC)

Advisory to: Rebecca Cunningham, Interim Vice President for Research

Committee chair: Prof. Francine Dolins

GENERAL CHARGE

As the voice of faculty, the committee shall advise and consult with the Vice President for Research on policy and procedure issues related to the broad range of University activities. The committee's advice shall be sought and given in a timely manner so that the advice could affect the decision-making outcome.

SPECIFIC CHARGE 2019 – 2020

- (1) Examine the consequences of the proposed reduced indirect cost rates from the present administration.
- (2) Examine the consequences of the federal requirements for changes to foreign collaborations.
- (3) Examine the ways in which the Library, IACUC, IRBs, Procurement, IT and other internal University structures support research across all three campuses.



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Secretary of the University Advisory Committee (SAC)

Advisory to: Sally Churchill, Vice President and Secretary of the University

Committee chair: Prof. Megan Schimpf

GENERAL CHARGE

As the voice of faculty, the committee shall advise and consult with the Vice President and Secretary of the University on policy and procedure issues related to the broad range of University activities. The committee's advice shall be sought and given in a timely manner so that the advice could affect the decision-making outcome.

SPECIFIC CHARGE 2019 - 2020

Clarify the definition of “faculty” and all relevant constituents (with rules committee).

Clarify the relationship between Regent Bylaw 11.63 and Student Life Advisory Committee for Recreational Sports Purpose Statement (revised April 2015) selection process for faculty which appear different from each other.

Make recommendations for aligning the Regents Bylaw 11.63 and Student Life Purpose Statement in terms of faculty membership and term of service.

Clarify how bylaw revisions in general are tracked and how faculty are informed of the revisions.



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Student Relations Advisory Committee (SRAC)

Advisory to: Royster Harper, Vice President for Student Life

Committee chair: Prof. Gina Cervetti

GENERAL CHARGE

As the voice of faculty, the committee shall advise and consult with the Vice President for Student Life on policy and procedure issues related to the broad range of University activities. The committee's advice shall be sought and given in a timely manner so that the advice could affect the decision-making outcome.

SPECIFIC CHARGE 2019 - 2020

Clarify the relationship between Regent Bylaw 11.63 and Student Life Advisory Committee for Recreational Sports Purpose Statement (revised April 2015) selection process for faculty which appear different from each other.

Make recommendations for aligning the Regents Bylaw 11.63 and Student Life Purpose Statement in terms of faculty membership and term of service.

Discuss ways to develop and maintain a collaborative relationship to proactively engage in conversations across the campus community about topics of concern and import to a healthy campus social climate.

Investigate the unique needs of PhD students and offer recommendations for ways SRAC can support this population.



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Administrative Evaluation Committee (AEC)

Committee chair: Prof. Keith Riles

GENERAL CHARGE

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SPECIFIC CHARGE 2019 – 2020

The committee shall carry out a survey of the UM Faculty Senate on all three campuses to evaluate the performance of administrators at the level of Chair, Dean, Provost, Chancellor and President. The committee shall also survey the Senate on satisfaction with particular UM administrative functions and on topical policy issues the committee deems important, in consultation with SACUA.

The committee shall continue exploring with UM information technology experts ways to streamline the survey infrastructure to reduce reliance on the technical support of particular long-serving committee members.

The committee shall also work with UM Dearborn faculty to update its set of questionnaires and work with UM Flint faculty to develop a set of questionnaires for its first year of participation in the multi-campus survey.



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Buildings Facilities and Infrastructure Committee (BFIC)

Committee chair: Prof. Douglas Richstone

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SPECIFIC CHARGE 2019 – 2020

Consider how car parking on campus could be more effectively utilized and how faculty and staff could be incentivized to use alternative methods of transport to commute to campus.



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Committee on Civil Rights and Liberties (CCRL)

Committee chair: Prof. Barry Belmont

GENERAL CHARGE

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SPECIFIC CHARGE 2019 - 2020

Keep abreast of civil rights legislation (proposed and pending, on the federal, state and local levels) which can affect the Committee's ability to advise on faculty civil rights matters.

Present a statement that articulates conditions under which First Amendment rights will be upheld while maintaining a safe campus environment.

Consider the University's position on balancing campus safety, free speech, freedom of expression, and freedom of assembly.

Consider the University's position and best practices for addressing hate speech.

Develop a mechanism to make CLCR Committee a first response team for a faculty voice on matters that arise and that require a faculty perspective.



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Committee on Economic Status of the Faculty (CESF)

Committee chair: Martha McComas

GENERAL CHARGE

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SPECIFIC CHARGE 2019 – 2020

Request the commissioning of a faculty salary study to understand the evolution of salary disparities at the university.



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Committee for an Inclusive University (CIU)

Committee chair: Hitomi Tonomura (Co-Chair), and Maria do Carmo Pereira da Costa (Co-Chair)

GENERAL CHARGE

As the voice of faculty, the committee shall advise and consult on policy and procedure issues related to the broad range of University activities related to an Inclusive University. The committee's advice shall be sought and given in a timely manner so that the advice could affect the decision-making outcome.

SPECIFIC CHARGE 2019 – 2020

Collect and summarize information about unit expectations for the faculty implementation of DE&I goals and objectives.

Explore and summarize findings on unit-level criteria used to evaluate faculty efforts for annual reviews and any other performance reviews that have implications for merit, tenure and/or promotion.

Make recommendations on criteria to reward model programs or unit-level best practices.



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

Committee chair: Prof. Michael Atzmon (co-chair), Gary Krenz (co-chair)

GENERAL CHARGE

As the voice of faculty, the committee shall advise and consult on policy and procedure issues related to the broad range of University tenure activities. The committee's advice shall be sought and given in a timely manner so that the advice could affect the decision-making outcome.

SPECIFIC CHARGE 2019 – 2020

No specific charge



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Rules Practices and Policies Committee (RPP)

Committee chair:

GENERAL CHARGE

The committee shall advise and consult with SACUA, Senate Assembly, and the Senate on issues related to their rules, if any. The committee's advice shall be sought and given in a timely manner so that the advice could affect the decision-making outcome.

SPECIFIC CHARGE 2019 – 2020

Make recommendations for amending the Senate and Senate Assembly rule to allow electronic voting and remote attendance at meetings.
Examine the many contradictory definitions of “Faculty” in bylaws, SPGs, etc.



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Tri-Campus Committee (TCC)

Committee chair:

GENERAL CHARGE

As the voice of faculty, the committee shall advise and consult on policy and procedure issues related to the broad range of University tenure activities. The committee's advice shall be sought and given in a timely manner so that the advice could affect the decision-making outcome.

SPECIFIC CHARGE 2019 – 2020

No specific charge



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Tenure, Promotions, and Professional Development Committee (TPP)

Committee chair: Sally Oey

GENERAL CHARGE

As the voice of faculty, the committee shall advise and consult on policy and procedure issues related to the broad range of University tenure activities. The committee's advice shall be sought and given in a timely manner so that the advice could affect the decision-making outcome.

SPECIFIC CHARGE 2019 – 2020

Training materials for Faculty Grievance Monitors (FGM). Draw from the experience of FGMs who have served in this role to identify best practices and recommendations.

Connect with stakeholders to identify current understanding of the FGM's role as well as the desired outcomes of proposed training.

Develop training materials that may be piloted by members of the committee and made available as a resource to new FGMs.