

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS' COMMUNICATION  
Item for Information

**Subject:** Faculty Governance Update

Regents' Bylaw 4.06 requires Senate Assembly to create advisory committees for each of the University vice presidents and also permits Senate Assembly to form special interest standing committees.

At the end of this summer, SACUA will be making its annual committee member replacement recommendations. In preparation for this, we are reviewing all committees and considering several changes to certain committees to improve their function and communication capabilities.

We are also examining the overall faculty governance committee charges and structure, looking for gaps in the committee coverage of issues of faculty concern shared with the Regents and the University administration.

It is believed that these improvements will reinforce faculty governance relationships with the Regents and with the University administration. Given the recent national challenges involving such relationships, strengthening them should benefit each party - the Regents, the administration, and the faculty.

SACUA will again invite each of the Regents to meet privately with SACUA during the next academic year. These direct private meetings have been very productive from SACUA's point of view.

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