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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	<b>Calendar: Review and offer recommendations for action on: the Academic Calendars submitted by the Registrar; program- and course- specific requests for calendars that deviate from the Academic Calendar; issues related to closures, academic holidays, and waivers for academic holidays; and any other similar topic assigned to it.</b>
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	
<i>Items completed:</i>	
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	After receiving further input from the proposers, the Calendar Committee voted 6-0-0 to forward a positive recommendation to Senate Council on a nonstandard calendar request from Physicians Assistant Studies and voted 9-0-0 to forward a positive recommendation to Senate Council on the University's general academic calendar for 2023-24. The Calendar Committee is still waiting to hear back from Medicine, Law, Pharmacy, and Dentistry regarding its comments on their proposed calendars for 2023-24.

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	<b>Research and Graduate Education: Responsible for reviewing University research policies and graduation education policies and their implementation. The SRGEC is responsible for making recommendations to the University Senate regarding those policies and the priorities for them.</b>
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	
<i>Items completed:</i>	
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	none

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	<b>Academic Planning and Priorities: Charged with concern over major, broad, long-range plans and priorities. The SAPPC is responsible for recommending to the University Senate plausible academic goals for the institution, identifying major academic problems likely to be faced by the University, and developing procedures and criteria for recommending academic priorities.</b>
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	
<i>Items completed:</i>	
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	None

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	<b>Retroactive Withdrawal: Decides all student requests for retroactive withdrawals as provided by Senate Rules 5.1.7.5.</b>
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Reviewing proposals
<i>Items completed:</i>	6
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	n/a
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	15 (received after the deadline for the November meeting)
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	n/a
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	n/a

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	<b>Libraries: Charged with the responsibility for recommending to the University Senate policies to promote the educational interests of the University with respect to the Libraries, the faculty body of which is equivalent to the faculty of a college.</b>
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Discussing issue(s)
<i>Items completed:</i>	N/A
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	N/A
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	N/A
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	Open access journals including predatory journals Reviewing procedures for published articles, espec. new and upcoming changes Identification of journal subscriptions for cancellation Committee challenge: lack of member diversity regarding academic discip
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	All of the topics listed above (field 9)
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	Many issues are being discussed (open access journals, predatory journals, reduction of journal subscriptions due to finances and other issues, plans for improvement and expansion of Library resources and services). We are not ready to make a full or detailed report at this time; we are exploring many topics and gathering information.

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	<b>Nominating: Review and offer recommendations on: requests for faculty representatives, considering all aspects of a nominee (race, gender, ethnicity, unit affiliation, discipline, tenure status, rank, administrative position, previous service to the Senate, etc.) and the purpose of the committee for which the nominee was requested; policies to promote diverse memberships; and any other similar topic assigned to it.</b>
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Reviewing proposals and discussing issue(s)
<i>Items completed:</i>	2
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	0
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	0
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	For a committee that is supposed to nominate people from all over campus for membership on committees, our committee is oddly composed of only 5 members representing 3 colleges.
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	none

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	<b>Academic Organization and Structure: Charged to review and recommend to the University Senate priorities on all proposals regarding educational units, make appropriate recommendation to the University Senate regarding educational units, and study and report to the University Senate on matters pertaining to faculty size and strength, and student enrollment.</b>
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Reviewing proposals and discussing issue(s)
<i>Items completed:</i>	1
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	0
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	2
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	Philanthropy; multi-disciplinary research centers and institutes
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	Nothing special comes to mind. Our monthly (and virtual) meeting schedule is working well: all members are able to attend regularly.

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	<b>Rules and Elections: Responsible for codifying and interpreting the Rules of the University Senate and can initiate changes. The SREC is also responsible for certifying faculty member eligibility in the elections of Faculty Trustees, and in elections of University Faculty representatives to the Senate, to the Senate Council, and to a Presidential Search Committee.</b>
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Reviewing proposals and discussing issue(s)
<i>Items completed:</i>	3
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	8
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	8
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	Need to oversee Senate Council Vice Chair election on Dec 5 Need to review list of potentially substantive SR edits Need to codify changes in the SR and with Registrar re: "Bulletin" versus "Catalog" Need to clarify in the SRs what (when?) is a student Ne
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	These items do not have emails from SC office to the SREC Chair asking SREC to act: (1) oversee Senate Council Vice Chair election on Dec 5, (2) review list of potentially substantive SR edits, (3) codify changes in the SR and with Registrar re: "Bulletin"
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	I thank the members of SREC for their high-quality work.

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	<b>Undergraduate Council: It shall consider all proposed new courses and changes in courses which may be used for credit toward an undergraduate degree and also consider all proposed new undergraduate programs, changes in undergraduate programs, including degree titles, from all colleges offering an undergraduate degree. Further, it shall consider all changes in the University requirements. The Undergraduate Council shall recommend on all of the above to the Senate Council. In addition, it shall review all undergraduate programs.</b>
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Reviewing proposals
<i>Items completed:</i>	36
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	4
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	~95 (all but 10 have been assigned to reviewers)
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	We have been discussing the DOE allocation for faculty members serving on the Undergraduate Council.
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	We are planning to discuss a proposal to make changes to the Senate Regulations that related to the GCCR at our December meeting.

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	<b>Disability Accommodation and Compliance: Recommends educational policies and implementation practices/standards relating to disability accommodation and regulatory compliance.</b>
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Discussing issue(s)
<i>Items completed:</i>	We discussed 1. Benchmarking practices from other higher education institutions and ADA laws, including accommodations not covered by such laws. 2. The creation of more transparent website for the DRC. 3. Discussion of whether the current composition of
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	NA
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	Discussions are ongoing.
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	We discussed 1. Benchmarking practices from other higher education institutions and ADA laws, including accommodations not covered by such laws. 2. The creation of more transparent website for the DRC. 3. Discussion of whether the current composition of
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	We are engaged in active discussions, with a collaborative focus on achieving the assigned tasks. These discussions will continue into December.

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	<b>Diversity and Inclusion: Charged to increase diversity among senators, in particular representation of URM; work with senior leadership to disseminate best practices for recruiting &amp; retaining faculty of color and other underrepresented groups; and addressing other related issues.</b>
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Discussing issue(s)
<i>Items completed:</i>	N/A
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	N/A
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	We're constantly working on ways to increase the diversity of the Senate and improve inclusivity across campus.
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	The on-campus racially motivated incident between the student and resident assistant.
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	The on-campus racially motivated incident between the student and resident assistant. Also, the retention numbers for students broken out by demographics.
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	We are working hard, but it feels like progress in DEI is slow.

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	<b>Technology: Responsible broadly for educationally related IT issues, including review of IT-related proposals and recommendations on technology issues affecting educational objectives.</b>
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	
<i>Items completed:</i>	
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	STC serves as liason between the University Senate, representing the faculty, and the Information Technology Advisory Council (IT AC), which co-ordinates input from the entire campus. The IT AC is establishing a number of standing committees. Part of the STC's job is to provide ex officio members for these standing committees.

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	<b>Admissions and Academic Standards: Charged to examine and recommend to the University Senate changes in the following areas: admission requirements and grading rules, standards for granting academic credit, probation and suspension procedures, and degree and graduation requirements.</b>
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Reviewing proposals
<i>Items completed:</i>	6
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	4
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	3
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	Test-optional pilot Review of SR 10.3
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	<b>Faculty Affairs: Review and recommend action on issues related to: performance reviews and standards for evaluation; promotion and tenure; employee benefits; work-life matters; recruitment and retention; issues raised by the Senate Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure; and any other similar topic assigned to it.</b>
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Other
<i>Items completed:</i>	N/A
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	N/A
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	N/A
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	First meeting of the committee. Introductions, discussion of charge, plans for future business, set meetings for next semester.
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	Beginning to pursue a topic suggested (though not explicitly assigned) by Chair Collett: the use of TCEs in faculty evaluations. No movement was made on the topic, but we determined that it may be useful to get someone from OSPIE to discuss their plans for the software when the current contract expires.