Strategic Planning and Academic Freedom (SPAF) Committee

To be concerned with long-term strategic planning and governance issues of the university. To be concerned with policy regarding professional ethics, conscience, and academic freedom under Article II, Section 3e of the Senate Constitution.

Focus during 2021-2022:

1. Assess SPAF standing charges and provide recommendations for changes to charges that will better engage the committee in the work of the Senate. Propose a resolution as appropriate.

2. Work with the Senate Affairs and Faculty Life committees to consider the need for a new standing committee, or a change in the charge of a current committee, that would monitor on an ongoing basis the academic relationship between the VU and VUMC.

3. Consider best practices for Faculty Senate leadership specific to term and tenure. Propose motion if appropriate.

Committee members:

1. EC Liaison: Ryan Middagh, Blair (2022)*
2. Chair: Saralyn Williams, Medicine (2022)*
3. James Booth, Peabody (2023)*
5. Brooke Ackerly, A&S (2022)*
6. Courtney Pitts, Nursing (2022)*
7. Jan Price, Medicine (2024)
9. Paul Miller, A&S*

*indicates a returning member