

**Georgia College**  
**University Senate Committee Annual Report**

**Committee Name:** Student Affairs Policy Committee

**Academic Year:** 2010-2011

**Committee Charge:** V.Section2.C.4.a. The Student Affairs Policy Committee shall have thirteen (13) members distributed as follows: six (6) members selected from the Corps of Instruction faculty, at least four (4) of whom are elected faculty senators, two (2) members who are students serving on the University Senate, one (1) member who is a selected staff senator, one (1) member who is the Chief Student Affairs Officer or an individual appointed by the Chief Student Affairs Officer to serve as his/her designee in compliance with V.Section2.C, one (1) member who is a staff member appointed by a process determined by Staff Council, one (1) member who is a student appointed by a process determined by the Student Government Association, and one (1) member appointed by the University President in compliance with II.Section1.A.5.

V.Section2.C.4.b. The Student Affairs Policy Committee shall be concerned with policy relating to the general social, cultural, and practical welfare of students, which includes, but is not limited to, policies relating to non-academic areas such as conduct and discipline, grievances and non-academic appeals, financial aid, human services for students (e.g. health center, counseling), organizations, awards, intercollegiate athletics, and other extracurricular activities (e.g. Greek life, residence life, intramurals). This committee also provides advice, as appropriate, on procedural matters that affect the general social, cultural, and practical welfare of the students.

**Committee Calendar:**

Friday, September 3, 2010  
Friday, October 1, 2010  
Friday, November 5, 2010  
Friday, December 3, 2010  
Friday, January 14, 2011  
Friday, February 4, 2011  
Friday, April 1, 2011

**Executive Summary:**

**Sponsorship Policy:** The Sponsorship Policy was referred by RPIPC for review. The policy, which outlines sponsorships, donations, both financial and non-financial, and advertising for outside individual companies, institutions or organization by specific Georgia College divisions, department, units, and/or RSOs, was modified to add specificity and clarify (i.e., sponsorship and fundraisers are synonymous).

**Judicial Board Amnesty Policy:** The intent of the amnesty policy is to eliminate barriers for students who seek medical attention when the situation arises from a violation of the Georgia

College Code of Conduct (i.e., drug and alcohol abuse). The major modification to the policy was the extension of amnesty to individual calling for medical assistance for another student.

**Religious Observance Policy:** This policy permits students to miss class in observance of a religious holiday without academic penalty. The policy is a reflection of Georgia College’s commitment to diversity and respect for the spirituality of its student body. Faculty members are required to include notice of the policy in course syllabi.

**Greek Expansion Policy:** The purpose of this policy is to ensure that extension/ expansion of Greek organizations occurs in a carefully developed way that is conducive to the educational mission of Georgia College. Formal extension/expansion shall follow the guidelines set forth by the national umbrella governing organization, and shall be consistent with Georgia College policies.

**Committee Membership and Record of Attendance:**

Name	9/3/10	10/1/10	11/5/10	12/3/10	1/14/11	2/4/11	4/1/11
Myron Albert Avila	Present	Regrets	Present	Regrets	Present	Absent	Absent
Cynthia Rodriguez Cano	Present	Present	Regrets	Present	Present	Present	Present
Claire Cantrell	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Absent	Regrets	Absent
Dianne Chamblee	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Absent
Sara Buck Doude	Present	Regrets	Regrets	Present	Regrets	Present	Present
Jennifer Graham	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Regrets
Bruce Harshbarger	Present	Regrets	Present	Absent	Present	Regrets	Absent
Evan Karanovich	Regrets	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Absent
Shaina McGill	Present	Present	Present	Present	Regrets	Present	Present
Macon L. C. McGinley	Present	Present	Regrets	Present	Present	Present	Regrets
Rebecca McMullen	Absent	Absent	Regrets	Absent	Absent	Present	Regrets
Zach Mullins	Regrets	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Absent	Regrets
Paul Sanford	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Regrets	Absent

**Committee Operating Procedures:**

SAPC used Robert’s Rules of Order to conduct each meeting. Minutes of the meeting were distributed to committee members prior to approval at the next SAPC meeting.

**Motions Brought to the Senate Floor:**

**Sponsorship Policy, 1011.SAPC.001.P**

To adopt the attached document entitled "Sponsorship Policy supporting document" as University policy.

**Judicial Board Amnesty Policy, 1011.SAPC.002.P**

To recommend that the Judicial Board Amnesty Policy as articulated in the supporting document be adopted and that it supersede the previously-approved policy in Motion 0910.SAPC.002.P Student Amnesty Policy.

**Religious Observance Policy, 1011.SAPC.004.B**

Students are permitted to miss class in observance of religious holidays and other activities observed by a religious group of which the student is a member without academic penalty. Exercising of one's rights under this policy is subject to the GC Honor Code. Students who miss class in observance of a religious holiday or event are required to make up the coursework missed as a result from the absence. The nature of the make-up assignments and the deadline for completion of such assignments are at the sole discretion of the instructor. Failure to follow the prescribed procedures voids all student rights under this policy.

**Greek Expansion Policy, 1011.SAPC.003.P**

Greek Life at Georgia College & State University (GC) embraces the expansion policies set forth by the national umbrella governing organizations (e.g., NIC, NPC, and NPHC) and will only consider expansion with inter/nationally affiliated organizations. The purpose of these policies is to ensure that extension/expansion occurs in a carefully developed way that is conducive to the educational mission of GC.

**Other Significant Deliberations (Non-Motions):**

The inconsistency of policies concerning a faculty member's authority to drop a student for non-performance was considered (i.e., attendance policy clearly grants faculty member right to drop a student; registrar has sole authority to drop a student). The matter was referred to Academic Affairs Committee.

**Committee Reflections:**

The routinely scheduled meeting times may account for absence of committee members (i.e., cannot be released to attend meeting). The matter should be considered to assure inclusion and representation of all Georgia College constituents.

There are several agenda items to be addressed by the Committee in the coming year: 1) sexual harassment policy, 2) initiative that support student retention, and 3) Bobcat Vision Management and Use Guidelines (from SGA).

**Committee Recommendations:**

The University Banquet room has served as a central and accessible location for meetings. This location will be retained for meetings for the next academic year.

**Recommend Items for Consideration at the Governance Retreat:**

Committee officers need to be selected.

