

**Georgia College
University Senate Committee Annual Report**

Committee Name: Student Affairs Policy Committee

Academic Year: 2011-2012

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:

Wednesday, August 31, 2011

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Friday, November 4, 2011

Friday, December 2, 2011

Friday, January 13, 2012

Friday, February 3, 2012

Friday, March 2, 2012

Executive Summary:

Bobcat Vision Management and Use Guidelines (from SGA):

Evan Karanovich and Tom Miles presented the Bobcat Vision Management and Use Guidelines with rationales for its development. The Policy 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. It was modified to add specificity and clarify (i.e., sponsorship and fundraisers are synonymous). Student Affairs is currently operating under this policy. The Committee members unanimously supported the policy.

Student Athletes Report :

Ken Farr, GC Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) presented the annual report on the 2010-11 Academic and Athletic Performance of Georgia College (GC) Student-Athletes to the Committee. The members were pleased that the report depicted another great year for GC Athletics as student-athletes performed well in the classroom and in the community, as well as, on the playing field/court/course.

Sexual Misconduct Policy:

The committee was charged with reviewing the Sexual Harassment Policy. The committee was made aware that a special committee had been established to update and streamline sexual misconduct policies across campus. The special committee was composed of Marc Cardinalli, representatives from Human Resources, the Judicial Board, and Students Affairs. A SAPC member, Jennifer Graham, served on this committee and presented a draft of the Sexual Misconduct Policy for the Committee’s review. No action on the policy is required by SAPC at this time.

Student Retention Initiatives:

The Committee reviewed available MAP-Works Data from the Sophomore Transition Survey presented by Paul Jahr as well as topics from a literature search on Sophomore Retention. Since the Strategic Enrollment Plan was developing actions from this data the committee concluded its best action would be to identify ways the Committee could assist in the activities being planned.

Student Funds Emergency Fund:

In faculty reports concerns regarding financial hardship for students were voiced by several of the committee members. Ms. Cathy Crawley from Financial Aid was asked to attend the March meeting to provide information on financial resources currently available to students. The members were made aware that the foundation has funds for “unrestricted scholarships”. Faculty and staff can request their donation to go to this fund. The Committee felt it would be helpful to increase the faculty and staff’s awareness of the existence of this fund.

Committee Membership and Record of Attendance:

Name	8/31/11	10/7/11	11/4/11	12/2/11	1/13/12	2/3/12	3/2/12
Mike Augustine	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Amy Burt	Present	Regrets	Present	Present	Regrets	Present	Present
Scott Butler	Present	Present	Present	Present	Regrets	Present	Present
Dianne Chamblee	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Regrets
Caroline Clements	Regrets	Regrets	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Absent
Toi Franks	Present	Present	Present	Regrets	Present	Present	Present
Jennifer Graham	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Bruce Harshbarger	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Evan Karanovich	Absent	Present	Present	Regrets	Regrets	Regrets	Regrets
Joshua Kitchens	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Rebecca McMullen	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

Maxwell Pichan		Present	Present	Present	Present	Regrets	Regrets
Dee Sams	Present	Present	Present	Regrets	Present	Regrets	Present

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:

None

Other Significant Deliberations (Non-Motions):

Summaries of the Bobcat Vision Management and Use Guidelines and Student Athletes Report were presented to the Senate for information purposed.

Committee Reflections:

The common meeting times account for absences of student/faculty committee members at times due to their required attendance of other meeting scheduled at the same times. That there were meetings that no student representatives attended is of concern.

Agenda items to be considered by the Committee in the coming year: 1) review of the final Sexual Misconduct Policy, 2) considerations of Committee actions to support retention initiatives and 3) initiative to increase faculty/staff awareness of student emergency funding.

Committee Recommendations:

Recommend Items for Consideration at the Governance Retreat:

- Elect officers if not already accomplished.
- Discuss meeting location options that will be most convenient to committee members.
- Review agenda items suggestions from 11-12 SAPC.