

**Georgia College  
University Senate Committee Annual Report**

**Committee Name:** Student Affairs Policy Committee

**Academic Year:** 2012-2013

**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, August 24, 2012  
Friday, September 28, 2012  
Friday, October 26, 2012  
Friday, November 30, 2012  
Friday, January 25, 2013  
Friday, February 22, 2013  
Friday, March 22, 2013

**Executive Summary:**

***New Operating Procedure:***

New SAPC Operating Procedures were approved as follows:

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Approved 9/28/12

***Adderall Abuse Education:***

Graduating senior and first semester nursing students did an excellent job in presenting Adderall Abuse Education to students. A summary follows:

- Graduating Nursing Cohort developed the teaching plan/flyer/pamphlet: educated the 1st semester nursing students
- Both cohorts were involved in the session held on 2/5 & 2/6 (11-4 both days around the fountain; 6-8 Tues around the reflection pool.
- 425 pamphlets were given out ( they ran out)
- Students, faculty and staff asked many appropriate questions
- Nursing students' reflections reported a positive learning experience through teaching peers/faculty/staff.

***Student Retention:***

Daniel McDonald, committee member posed the question of should be look at retention from the aspect of those who stayed in contrast to those who had or planned to leave. He conducted a small pilot survey to these students. Student teacher ratio, atmosphere, relationships with campus community are some of the main reasons senior students stayed at Georgia College. The possibility for a need to focus on marketability and support for the liberal arts programs was suggested. Issues with how students feel about the Milledgeville community, both good and not so good was noted (close knit community, great for biking, some unsafe areas around campus, GC seems to be a bubble). The committee suggested the survey results be shared with Suzanne Pittman.

Later in the academic year the committee was charged with identifying obstacles to students completing their degrees in four years. The committee held some discussion on this topic in the February meeting and expanded the discussion with the three students who attended the March meeting. These SGA representatives proposed a survey through SGA in the next academic year to collect data on obstacles from the students' viewpoint.

***Student Athletes Report :***

Ken Farr, GC Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) presented the annual report on the 2011-2012 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.

***Student Emergency Funding:***

The committee continued their efforts regarding emergency funding for students who are identified to have financial emergency. The fund number was reported at the February Senate meeting and was dispersed by the Senate Chair to Deans and Department Heads. Faculty and staff can request their donation to go to this fund. There has been significant interest in financial support from faculty and staff.

SGA embraced the initiative as philanthropy, “Students Helping Students”. Money raised/Events planned as of March 22 SAPC meeting:

- Papa John’s Partnership \$84.95
- Sonic Partnership: \$70
- King of Diamonds Winner: \$100
- TOTAL \$254.95

Current Events:

- Emergency Fund Raffle – extended until 4/19

Recurring Events:

- Papa John’s Partnership – April 9, 10, 29, 30, May 1 & 2
- Sonic Partnership – April 4 & 25

Upcoming events:

- Color for a Cause 5K – April 20
- Dodgeball for a Cause – April 23 4pm

***Common Meeting Times:***

- I) SGA conducted a survey targeting RSO presidents as to attendance of the organizational meetings. The survey contained the following questions:
  1. What is the official name for your RSO?
  2. State the number of students registered with your RSO.
  3. Of the previous number, how many regularly attend your RSO’s meetings?
  4. Where does your RSO’s meeting generally take place?
  5. At what time does your RSO generally take place

A number of graphs were provided as well as a list of comments. SGA will provide a final summarization of their findings to SPAC at a later meeting and SAPC will share these findings with Senate.

**Committee Membership and Record of Attendance:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>8/24/12</b>	<b>9/28/12</b>	<b>10/26/12</b>	<b>11/30/12</b>	<b>1/25/13</b>	<b>2/22/13</b>	<b>3/22/13</b>
Dianne Chamblee, Chair	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Amy Pinney, Vice-Chair	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Beth Broyles	Present	Present	Regrets	-----	-----	-----	-----
Bruce Harshbarger	Present	Present	Regrets	Present	Present	Present	Present
Doreen Sams	Present	Regrets	Present	Regrets	Regrets	Present	Regrets
Mark Vail	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Regrets	Regrets
Stephen Wills	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Regrets
Beth McCauley	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Daniel McDonald	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Regrets	Regrets
James Bridgeforth	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Regrets	Regrets
Cody Allen/Stephen Hudley starting 11/30	Regrets	Regrets	Regrets	Present	Present	Present	Present
Sarah Rose Remmes	Regrets	Present	Present	Present	Present	Regrets	Present
Caitlin Mullaney							Present

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**Motions Brought to the Senate Floor:**

None

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

Summaries of Student Emergency Funding Initiative, Adderall Abuse Education, Student Retention Initiatives and Student Athletes Report were presented to the Senate for information.

### **Committee Reflections:**

The committee has had a very productive year. We are proud of our work on the issues noted above, especially the Student Emergency Funding. Questions have arisen as to the process of students accessing these funds as needed and should be addressed in upcoming meetings. Having students present at each meeting is of utmost importance. Their insight and feedback is essential to the purpose of this committee. The committee was charged late in the year to research student/parent concerns regarding new insurance criteria. The committee only began to make inquiries. More research on the topic will be needed.

### **Committee Recommendations:**

Agenda items to be considered by the Committee in the coming year: 1) Student Emergency Funding Initiative: continue support and involvement, assuring the process for accessing funds is understood by faculty and students 2) Retention Initiatives: continue discussion on retention initiatives including the possibility of expanding the pilot survey of senior students campus-wide. 3) Obstacles to GCSU Students Completing Degrees in Four Years: collect data and submit a report to Senate involving SGA in the data collection. 4) Common Meeting Times: review the forthcoming report compiled and submitted by SGA. 5) Student Insurance: collect and review information collected on criteria for students' insurance.

### **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 12-13 SAPC.

Dianne Chamblee, Chair, SAPC 2012-2013