

Template of University Senate Committee Annual Report

Due Date: Submit in MSWord format to senate@gcsu.edu no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday 22 April 2021

Note: This report should represent consensus of the entire committee and serve as a historical record of committee deliberations over the academic year.

Committee Name: Student Affairs Policy Committee

Academic Year: 2020-2021

Committee Charge:

V.Section2.C.4.b. Scope. 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.

<https://senate.gcsu.edu/committee/sapc>

Committee Calendar:

9/4/20: Online via Webex

11/6/20: Online via Webex

2/12/21: Online via Webex

3/5/21: Online via Webex

4/9/21: Online via Webex

Executive Summary:

As this was an atypical year due to the covid-19 pandemic, SAPC was in a unique position to address concerns related to the pandemic's impact on students. To that end, SAPC assisted SGA in several initiatives, including campus food security/Basic Needs coalition, sustainability/Glass Blaster recycling, student code of conduct amendments, as well as motions from APC, such as the Unsafe return to campus resolution and the Pass/Fail option. Dr. Amy Pinney provided information about previous efforts to make GC a more veteran friendly campus. Our last meetings were primarily concerned with the process to document student disabilities, which we identified as a priority for next year's committee.

Committee Membership and Record of Attendance:

Identify all members of the committee, clearly indicate committee officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary), and status of each member (Senator, non-Senator, student) along with a record of each member's attendance. Note: this may be available as a download from the online senator database.

Jamie Addy, Chair

Diana Young, Vice-Chair

Nathan Graham, Secretary

Sabrina Hom

Bryan Marshall

Gail Godwin

Cindy ODonnell

Tom Miles

Laura Childs

Leng Ling
Kevin Blanch

Motions brought to the Senate floor:

2021.APC.005.P

Pass/Fail grading option for institutional credit

Other Significant Deliberation (Non-Motions):

- Committee discussed the APC resolution to condemn unsafe return to campus
- Invocation of student code of conduct to include off campus activities that increased spread of Covid-19
- Yellow-Ribbon Campus designation/Veteran friendly campus
- Support for Early College
- Process for students to document disabilities in order to receive accommodations

Ad hoc committees and other groups:

NONE

Committee Reflections:

As we look towards Fall 2021, there have been some questions among students and faculty about the cost to students to get documentation of mental health and learning disabilities.

Committee Recommendations:

SAPC recommends that the incoming committee prioritize working with Disability Services. Many questions remain about the impact of cost on students' ability to get accommodations that prioritize their success. Preliminary conversations have suggested that getting documentation required can be prohibitively expensive and complicated. With conversations on campus about tightening accommodations for flexible work and teaching arrangements and the return to 100% face to face instruction in the Fall, this information will be necessary.

Recommend items for consideration at the governance retreat:

- Revisit operating procedures; I would recommend adding a vice-secretary to assist the SGA president in taking minutes.

Appendix: Committee Operating Procedures

A summary of the standard operating procedures used to conduct business during the year.