

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 Monday 2 May 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: 2021-2022

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:

8/10/21 Online via Zoom

9/3/21 Online via Zoom

10/1/21 Online via Zoom

1/7/22 Online via Zoom

2/11/22 Online via Zoom

3/4/22 Online via Zoom

4/8/22 Online via Zoom

Executive Summary:

This year SAPC assisted SGA with several concerns which included mental health and resilience of students, LGBTQ+ inclusion concerns, and campus safety concerns. The GC mental health assessment was discussed and Tom Miles provided information about access to mental health care and the GC mental health initiative. Melissa Gerrior attended a SAPC meeting and discussed systems and initiatives in place to support the LGBTQ+ community such as JED Foundation, Star Alley, RISE, GC -preferences in emails and course rosters. Kay Anderson and Susan attended April meeting and discussed how name preferences are honored and the process to get preferred names on rosters and email. Molly Robbins discussed making and placing information cards in the HUB.

Committee Membership and Record of Attendance:

Gail Godwin-Chair

Gregory Glotzbecker

James Robertson SGA and sec.

Amy Pinney

Ruth Eiler

Tom Miles

Diana Young

Paulette Cross

Flor Bondal

Jack Howle

Kevin Blanch
Frank Richardson
Molly Robbins

Motions brought to the Senate floor:

None

Other Significant Deliberation (Non-Motions):

None

Ad hoc committees and other groups:

None

Committee Reflections:

SAPC assisted SGA with several concerns, however, we found that proper procedures and assistance were already in place. We found that dissemination of information to students may be a problem. Molly Robbins volunteered have cards made with name preference information placed in the HUB. Mental Health resources are available, but GC students prefer face to face counseling. We were informed that counseling services were in the process of hiring more counselors.

Committee Recommendations:

1. Follow up with SGA about placing information cards about name preference in the HUB. Also, this information could be made more visible on the GC website added to LGBTQ+ resources.
2. The committee policy that states that the SGA president should be this committee's secretary should be revisited. This year, even with intentional instructions, minutes were not completed.

Recommend items for consideration at the governance retreat:

None

Appendix: Committee Operating Procedures

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