

**2014 University Senate Governance Retreat
Preliminary Report**

Number attending: 56

Senators attending: 33

Committee volunteers: 22

Guests: 1

Participant Evaluation Data:

Session	0	1	2	3	4	5
Welcome & Intros	1			2	2	9
Shared Governance at GCSU & USG				2	3	9
Translating Ideas into Policy & Practice				1	7	6
University & USG Updates			1		5	8
Academic Programs & Priorities				1	8	5
Committee Meetings (Breakouts)				4	4	6
Parliamentary Procedures & Debate					9	5
Mock Senate Meeting			1		8	5

Explanations for any topics rated 1 or 2:

“More time at committees, please.”

“I felt I already knew what to expect in a Senate meeting.”

Comments:

1. My expectations were met by:

- "All of activities."
- "I learned a lot about procedures."
- "I better understand my roles and responsibilities."
- "Learning the roles of senate committee."
- "Reports this morning."
- "Sharing, especially during the committee meetings."
- "Learning more about procedures and overall governance."
- "Collegial atmosphere of day."

2. To be more effective in my work with shared governance, I need to work on:

- "Reading the policies thoroughly."
- "Note-taking and planning."
- "Knowing structure of university."
- "Looking over past meetings etc."
- "Staff council collaboration with senate."
- "Getting my assigned duties done in a timely manner."

3. I was surprised to learn:

- "How awesome the people in my committee are!"
- "How in-depth the discussions were."
- "That most decision making power rests with deans."
- "Technology items."
- "How willing some faculty would be to work with training staff."
- "Some of the faculty hot buttons (summer pay, budgeting)."
- "That the colleges had so much independence in determining summer compensation."

4. I think the retreat attendance would be better if:

- "The bus came a bit sooner (there was a while after the last session that we waited for the bus)."
- "It were not on the last day before classes being and not on 'convocation' day."
- "?"
- "Show video (link) to setting ahead of time."
- "Knew more timely schedule in advance."
- "It was on campus."
- "I thought this was well attended?"
- "NOT SURE."

Financial Report:

Rock Eagle facilities	1,500 (ESTIMATED)
Transportation	390.00
Printing:	151.45
Stationary supplies	75.00 (ESTIMATED)

Pre-retreat survey results:

Please help the planners tailor the retreat topics to meet your learning needs. Rank the following from 1 (greatest need) to 6 (Least need).

- Answered: 47
- Skipped: 9

	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	6-	Total-	Average Ranking-
History and traditions of Georgia College University Senate	2.13% 1	10.64% 5	10.64% 5	14.89% 7	12.77% 6	48.94% 23	47	2.28
Shared governance at Georgia College and the USG	14.89% 7	21.28% 10	23.40% 11	21.28% 10	10.64% 5	8.51% 4	47	3.83
How an idea becomes a University policy	21.28% 10	17.02% 8	25.53% 12	19.15% 9	17.02% 8	0.00% 0	47	4.06
Parliamentary procedure and debate	0.00% 0	10.87% 5	19.57% 9	17.39% 8	28.26% 13	23.91% 11	46	2.65
Senate committee meeting	14.89% 7	25.53% 12	4.26% 2	25.53% 12	17.02% 8	12.77% 6	47	3.57
Update on university issues and initiatives	46.81% 22	14.89% 7	17.02% 8	2.13% 1	14.89% 7	4.26% 2	47	4.64