

# final report

## 2016 Senate Retreat Evaluation

**Q2 - Please evaluate the effectiveness of senate retreat sessions in preparing you for your role in shared governance at Georgia College.**

Answer	%	Count
Did Not Attend Session	27.27%	9
Completely Ineffective	0.00%	0
Relatively Ineffective	9.09%	3
Somewhat Effective	6.06%	2
Effective	45.45%	15
Highly Effective	12.12%	4
Total	100%	33

Question	Did Not Attend Session		Completely Ineffective		Relatively Ineffective		Somewhat Effective		Effective		Highly Effective		Total
Shared Governance at Georgia College and USG (Orientation Concurrent Session)	27.27%	9	0.00%	0	9.09%	3	6.06%	2	45.45%	15	12.12%	4	33
Translating Ideas into Policy and Practice (Orientation Concurrent Session)	36.36%	12	0.00%	0	3.03%	1	3.03%	1	36.36%	12	21.21%	7	33
Parliamentary Procedures and Debate (Orientation Concurrent Session)	34.38%	11	3.13%	1	0.00%	0	6.25%	2	40.63%	13	15.63%	5	32
13 Years Later: Where Do We Go From Here? (Concurrent Session)	52.94%	18	2.94%	1	0.00%	0	8.82%	3	17.65%	6	17.65%	6	34
Diversity Action Plan Update	2.94%	1	2.94%	1	2.94%	1	29.41%	10	50.00%	17	11.76%	4	34
Strategic Plan Update	2.94%	1	2.94%	1	8.82%	3	29.41%	10	41.18%	14	14.71%	5	34
Nomenclature/Taxonomy	5.88%	2	8.82%	3	14.71%	5	17.65%	6	35.29%	12	17.65%	6	34
Standing Committee Breakout Session I	5.88%	2	5.88%	2	8.82%	3	14.71%	5	44.12%	15	20.59%	7	34
University and USG Updates (President Dorman Q&A)	5.88%	2	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	5.88%	2	47.06%	16	41.18%	14	34
Academic Programs and Priorities Updates (Provost Spirou Q&A)	5.88%	2	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	11.76%	4	47.06%	16	35.29%	12	34
Standing Committee Breakout Session II	8.82%	3	2.94%	1	5.88%	2	14.71%	5	44.12%	15	23.53%	8	34
Mock Senate Meeting	9.09%	3	0.00%	0	3.03%	1	21.21%	7	39.39%	13	27.27%	9	33
Overall Effectiveness of Senate Retreat	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	2.94%	1	11.76%	4	70.59%	24	14.71%	5	34

#### Q4 - Is there anything you'd like to share about senate retreat sessions?

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I do not believe that we need two sessions for our committees. Otherwise, the program was well-designed and executed.

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I did not find the mock senate meeting necessary. Volunteers and members had attended last years last meeting.

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Do not allow guest presentations, especially if we are going to hear essentially the same information days later in another meeting

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Thank you! It was super useful. Moving folks to various locations effectively helps the day fly by.

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The Committee sessions seemed too short -- particularly the second. I participated in the 13 Years Later session and did not get from it what I expected to get. By having predetermined topics participants had little voice in considering generally where we need to be going with Senate? Some of the questions that came up during the day indicated that perhaps there had been "charge drift" with some of the committees so maybe it would be good to have a combined session on the history/organization (brief) that discusses why we do things like we do and what exactly we do and don't do (overall and then as individual committees). Something the Provost said about the process for submitting proposals raised questions for me about how/where Senate fits in the governance of the institution. I thought that Senate played a significant role in determining curriculum and policy for the institution. Lately, I am wondering; if a proposal needs to start with approval of the Provost does that not undermine the integrity of the process that is in place?

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I love the location and working across academic departments. I wish there were more specific priorities for the breakout sessions.

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I thought the sessions were well-organized and the topics covered in the session I attended were of great import.

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Be very conservative about what information is verbally presented vs a simple email.

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No.

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Sessions were well planned

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No

**Q3 - Please indicate your overall satisfaction with the senate retreat location, Rock Eagle 4-H Center.**

Answer	%	Count
Did Not Use Service	5.88%	2
Very Dissatisfied	2.94%	1
Somewhat Dissatisfied	2.94%	1
Neutral	5.88%	2
Somewhat Satisfied	20.59%	7
Very Satisfied	61.76%	21
Total	100%	34

Question	Did Not Use Service		Very Dissatisfied		Somewhat Dissatisfied		Neutral		Somewhat Satisfied		Very Satisfied		Total
Food & Beverage: Breakfast	5.88%	2	2.94%	1	2.94%	1	5.88%	2	20.59%	7	61.76%	21	34
Food & Beverage: Lunch	2.94%	1	0.00%	0	5.88%	2	2.94%	1	2.94%	1	85.29%	29	34
Food & Beverage: Afternoon Snack	17.65%	6	0.00%	0	5.88%	2	8.82%	3	23.53%	8	44.12%	15	34
Meeting Spaces	0.00%	0	3.03%	1	0.00%	0	3.03%	1	30.30%	10	63.64%	21	33
Wi-Fi Availability	23.53%	8	0.00%	0	2.94%	1	8.82%	3	23.53%	8	41.18%	14	34
Location (Site)	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	3.13%	1	3.13%	1	18.75%	6	75.00%	24	32
GC Shuttle Transportation	67.65%	23	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	32.35%	11	34

## Q5 - Is there anything you'd like to share about the senate retreat location?

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I like having the retreat at this location.

Enjoyed it

room was chilly toward the end of the day

If we had any disabled attendees, it might have been difficult to move to the dining area

I used to feel going that far was burdensome, but the conversation on the bus changed my mind. Bus ride was a highlight. Thank you for providing that service.

Great!

Rooms were overall a bit cool and the chairs got very uncomfortable

Beautiful location

Best retreat I have attended in several years! Well organized!!!

It was nice not being on campus for a "retreat" Thank you.

Not sure it was necessary to drive all the way up to Rock Eagle, especially since we had no time to go outside anyway.

Location was great!

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## Q6 - Do you have any suggestions for next year's senate retreat?

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need more afternoon coffee

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The folks in charge and presenters were fantastic. Let's try to keep 'em!

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That violinist is very handsome!

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Having Dr. Dorman and the Provost present in the middle of the day was a very good idea. I recommend continuing that scheduling.

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Begin actually doing work. This was more an orientation and not actually productive.

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i would keep it pretty much the same

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No.

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It would be nice to have hot tea (green and herbal) offered and a vegetarian (or, even better, vegan) meal option that actually includes protein (e.g. beans and rice, tofu, tempeh, etc.) It is hard to have energy all afternoon without a protein source.

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I'm new so don't have any suggestions now but perhaps in the future

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No

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Appreciated having different morning sessions to attend that reflected the different interests and needs of participants. Consider having one meeting time for standing committees.