

Liberal Arts Council

REPORT TO UNIVERSITY SENATE

In 2016, the University System of Georgia became the 13th state to endorse the [Liberal Education America's Promise](#) (LEAP) initiative of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. Georgia College had already initiated its Liberal Arts Renewal Project (LARP), with a year-long series of open discussions regarding the liberal arts mission of the University in 2015.

The Liberal Arts Council (LAC) was initiated in Fall 2016 as a continuation and expansion of the LARP work. The council will serve as a recommending body focused on curricular, co-curricular, and institutional programs to advance the liberal arts mission of Georgia College. The LAC will have a significant responsibility for implementation of [Goal 2 of the university Strategic Plan](#).

The LAC had adopted a structure which has an advisory committee and sub-committee structure. The proposed composition of the advisory committee includes the sub-committee chairs as well as key campus leadership roles, including the University Senate. A call for volunteers for sub-committee work is anticipated the week of January 30th.

Subcommittees are each charged with a specific initiative from Goal 2 of the university Strategic Plan. The LAC subcommittees will meet during Spring 2017 to identify those priority areas and things which may be implemented by Fall 2017.

Sub-committee	Initiative
Institution and Infrastructure	Initiative #1: "Establish an institutional level requirement for student participation in transformative experiences that broadly support student development and growth."
Assessment and Integration	Initiative #2: "Design, implement, measure, and communicate student, faculty, and staff participation in transformative experiences."
Curriculum and Co-Curriculum	Initiative #3: "Redesign the liberal arts curricula to best reflect the distinction of a public liberal arts institution" This sub-committee is also charged with support of the LEAP initiative at Georgia College.

I have tentatively been placed on the Curriculum and Co-Curriculum sub-committee representing the College of Health Science.

The Advisory Committee will review and represent any proposals coming from sub-committees. Following this review, proposals will follow the existing procedures for governance and administrative action.

The most recent meeting of the LAC was scheduled Friday, January 27th. I was unable to attend due to representation of Senate at the Academic Maps workshop at Gordon State College. The LAC does not yet have a presence on the web, however, Dr. Amy Sumpter kindly provided updates via email which helped inform this report.