**Committee Name: APC**

**Meeting Date & Time: 2.12.2021**

**Meeting Location: Online**

**Attendance**:

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| **Members “P” denotes Present, “A” denotes Absent, “R” denotes Regrets** | | | |
| P | John R. Swinton (Chair) | P | Liz Speelman |
| P | Catrena Lisse (Vice Chair) | P | Mariana Stoyanova |
| P | Jolene Cole (Secretary) | P | Rob Sumowski |
| P | Julian Knox | P | Melanie DeVore |
| P | Christine Mutiti | P | Dana Gorzelany-Mostak |
| P | Gennady Rudkevich | P | Claire Sanders |
| P | James Schiffman | R | Meridith Styer |
| Guests | | | |
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|  | *Italicized text denotes information from a previous meeting.* |  |  |
|  | \*Denotes new discussion on old business. |  |  |

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| Agenda Topic (Committees should feel free to customize this template to make it as functional for them as possible. Other categories of topics might include Reports, Information Items, Unfinished Business, etc.) | Discussions & Conclusions | Action or Recommendations | Follow-Up {including dates/responsible person, status (pending, ongoing, completed)} |
| **I. Call to order** |  | The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by John Swinton. |  |
| **II. Approval of Agenda** |  | Agenda Changed  \_The guest Kay Anderson was unable to meet with the committee.  Agenda was then approved. |  |
| **III. Approval of Minutes** |  | Minutes Approved |  |
| **IV. Old Business/Review of**  **Actions/Recommendations** | **Kay Anderson’s request for Pass/Fail Grading**  Swinton: Asked if there was any additional input? Strong feelings about the idea of Pass/Fail options?  Rudkevich: I took Art History, wouldn’t have without this option.  Swinton: Same, I took a few courses for same reasons.  Schiffman: Same for me, but for other reasons.  Mutiti: Our departments response was different. Comments from the department included that Pass/Fail delegitimizes students who work hard. Other faculty felt if Pass/Fail only applies to students and not whole courses it would be ok.  Swinton: Items to note. Majors wouldn’t take major requirements as Pass/Fail. Students have to be in good academic standing. UGAs policy has a max of 3 courses as P/F. Can’t opt in and out, you have to keep with whatever you start with. If you don’t pass, you get a “U” on transcript. UGA is pretty narrow.  Rudkevich: We had to get a C to pass. UGA’s doesn’t exactly say.  Swinton: We may need to add “C” to pass.  Rudkevich: How many courses?  Swinton: You have to carry a full-load to do this.  Mutiti: No more than 3 courses.  Swinton: 3 Total courses for electives, seems to be the average but our students tend to have more.  It does get students to take courses they otherwise wouldn’t, I’m for it.  Knox: I agree, especially for the Humanities. I’d recommend making sure majors have priority.  Mutiti: Someone else noted, the BIO/Env Science we have 0 credit courses. You still get grade but 0 credit. Shows voluntary work so maybe this would be a better option. (students assisting in research in labs etc.)  Lissa: We have something similar; it is purely for the experience.  Rudkevich: Do they pay tuition?  Mutiti: No they wouldn’t.  Swinton: Bright students may then burn up their options using it for this. It goes by course not credits. We will need to check on Hope in this situation, it may mess up Hope requirements. It may stall or help students. I will follow-up with Kay. This could help some of the students who take Env. Economics course and help them stick it out.  Rudkevich: Will this apply to core courses? They will take p/f on any course they are afraid / they think will be harder.  Swinton: According to policy, it seems that you have to be in your second year to do Pass/Fail at least accordingly to UGAs policy. I will check on this.  Stoyanova: Foreign language is not in the core, but it’s a requirement. Would that apply in this case?  Swinton: I don’t know. Depends on if department uses foreign languages requirements as part of their GPA. If they do, may need a requirement to say can’t take foreign language as Pass/Fail. Do we have any Pass/Fail on campus?  Rudkevich: Just honors projects.  Swinton: Anyone want to take UGA policy and make it work for us?  Knox: Sure, I’ll work with Kay on this.  Swinton: We will look at altering UGA’s policy. |  | Knox, Swinton, and Stoyanova will work with Kay Anderson to edit UGA policy and adapt for GCSU. |
| **V. New Business** Actions/Recommendations | Possible procedure on how to deal with future requests from the legislature. This is in regard to the current request from USG to respond to the questions on teaching “privilege” in courses.  Question was posed on why did the chancellor approve this line of questions? Are we going to have to respond to any guy with a question moving forward?  Swinton: Board of Regents probably felt they couldn’t do anything, they aren’t an independent body, they don’t tend to push back.  Question was posed if we could contact FIRE or similar groups in this instance?  Swinton: Unfortunately, this is probably not bad publicity in this area for this particular individual. The request was publicly released. Logistically, putting pressure on this representative will actually be in his constituent’s interest. They believe the academy is too liberal.  ----  End of meeting – questions was posed again if the representative can even ask this question.  Swinton: I read that he could. He didn’t violate anything, but I’ll check with Alex and his take with AAUP. My understanding is he can ask. Board acted like it was an emergency, Costas implied it was high priority. Seemed to be, he could ask.  . | Swinton will talk with Costas on next steps for a procedure. | Swinton will talk with Costas on next steps for a procedure. Update will be given at next meeting. |
| VI. Next Meeting | March 5, 2021 at 2pm via Zoom. | Meeting scheduled already. |  |
| VII. Adjournment | Motion to adjourn made by John Swinton at 2:38pm |  |  |
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**Distribution(as determined in committee operating procedure – one possibility given):**

First; To Committee Membership for Review

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**Approved by:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Committee Chairperson (Including this Approval by chair at committee discretion)

**Guidance**

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**Committee Officers:**

**Academic Year: 2020-2021**

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| Meeting Dates | | 9/4/2020 | 10/2/2020 | 11/6/2020 | 01/08/21 | 2/12/21 |  |  |  |  |
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