Minutes from Academic Policy Committee meeting on March 3, 2023

Members in attendance:

Lyndall Muschell, Sarah Myers, John Swinton, Andrew Allen, David Zoetewey, Dana Gorzelany-Mostak, Diana Young, Ben Clark, and Mariana Stoyanova.

Members absent: Alesa Liles, Benjamin Whittle, and Donovan Domingue.

Call to order

* Approval of agenda – unanimous consent 2:03 pm
* Approval of February minutes - Unanimous consent

New Business

* Action item: Review and discussion of DEIPC proposed language for a required syllabus statement
  + “Georgia College & State University recognizes that diversity and inclusion are essential to our core values of reason, respect, and responsibility. We strive to achieve inclusive excellence in the composition of our community, our educational programs, university policies, research and scholarship, campus life, employment practices, co-curricular activities, and community outreach. We believe that a welcoming and inclusive classroom environment that fosters a sense of belonging by valuing diversity of intellectual thought, experiences, and identifications is essential to this goal. Further information and support are available through the Office of Inclusive Excellence located in 108 Parks Hall at 478-445-4233 or [oie@gcsu.edu](mailto:oie@gcsu.edu).”
  + Discussion centered on whether to support the above statement as required for all syllabi.
  + Overall the sentiment was supportive of inclusion as a principle, but that this statement was better suited for the student handbook and Georgia College & State University website as a vision statement.
  + There are already 4 different statements about ways that already exist to address concerns students or faculty may have regarding harassment or bullying.
  + Motion to reject the above statement and recommend that it be included in the Georgia College & State University mission and/or vision statement. Unanimously approved
  + Motion to adjourn 2:36 pm. Unanimously approved