

Justification for 25 Oct 2013 Amendments to Missing Student Policy

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RPIPC proposes amendments to the US Code citation in the policy document (as posted to the online motion database) in the sections entitled “Policy Statement” and “Reason for Policy”

Specifically, the red text is the proposed replacement language and the blue text with strike through annotation is proposed for deletion.

Policy Statement

In compliance with § 485(j) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, ~~20 U.S.C. § 1092(j)~~, it is the policy of Georgia College to investigate any report of a missing student who resides in on-campus housing.

Reason for Policy

To provide a plan to inform students who reside in University Housing about the Georgia College policy governing required notifications within twenty-four (24) hours after the time a student is deemed to be missing, in accordance compliance with § 485(j) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, ~~20 U.S.C. § 1092(j)~~, and to provide Georgia College with a set of procedures and guidelines for reporting and investigating such an event.

The Higher Education Act (HEA) was authorized by Congress in 1965, and is required to be reauthorized periodically, generally every 4-6 years. In 2008 Congress reauthorized the HEA as the HEOA (Higher Education Opportunity Act). Both Acts (HEA & HEOA) have the exact same missing student procedure requirement and language. Because the HEA is set to “expire” this year, Congress will reauthorize or extend the HEA this year. The proposed amendments change the citation to the original act (specifically the HEA of 1965), eliminating the need for Georgia College to revise this policy again in the near future.