



# University Senate

Shaping the future through shared governance

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### Meeting Highlights

- **President Dorman directs a rescind of \$20 parking fee increase for faculty and staff.** In his report to the University Senate, President Dorman stated, "At the last university senate meeting, I understand that there was some discussion regarding the implementation of an increase to the annual fee for faculty and staff parking which was levied at the beginning of this academic year. While it was my understanding that this fee had the approval of PTAC (Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee), it has become clear in the last few days this was not the case. Therefore, I have asked Ms. Allen to immediately rescind the fee increase of \$20. All employees who have paid the fee increase will receive reimbursement in their November pay checks. Let me apologize for this oversight in assuring that shared governance was practiced in the levying of this fee. I can assure you in the future that any fee of this type will be taken through the proper shared governance processes prior to its implementation."
- **Dr. Nicole DeClouette reports on actions taken by University System of Georgia Faculty Council (USGFC) in regards to DREAMers and their tuition.** DeClouette provided the following informational points about DREAMers (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors):
  - Georgia state law says that if you are an undocumented immigrant, the state is responsible for educating you up to 12th grade.
  - To go to college, undocumented students have to pay out-of-state tuition. The average difference in cost between in-state and out-of-state tuition is \$15,000 per year.
  - Georgia is one of 6 states with the requirement.

DeClouette asks senators to weigh-in on whether or not **the USGFC should write a resolution to advocate for DREAMERS to pay in-state tuition.** Feedback can be emailed to [nicole.declouette@gcsu.edu](mailto:nicole.declouette@gcsu.edu).

To learn more about the USG Faculty Council visit: [http://www.usg.edu/faculty\\_council/](http://www.usg.edu/faculty_council/)

- **University Senate approves four motions at its November meeting.**
  - Additions of CSCI 1301 and CSCI 1302 to Area D for Science and Math Majors - [1617.CAPC.009.C](#)
  - Deactivation of the M.Ed. in Reading, Language, and Literacy - [1617.CAPC.010.C](#)
  - Deactivation of the M.Ed. in Education with a Concentration in Secondary Education - [1617.CAPC.011.C](#)
  - Georgia College Family Medical Leave Act Policy - [1617.RPIPC.002.P](#)

To see the on-line motion database of the University Senate visit: <https://senate.gcsu.edu/motions>



## Shared Voices with Dr. Costas Spirou, Interim Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

“The responsibilities of the Provost are extensive, and successfully meeting those expectations would not be possible without the work, advice, and leadership exemplified by the University Senate.” While the Provost serves as an *ex officio* non-voting member of the university senate as well as a member of its executive committee, Dr. Spirou stated “I view my role as one that aims at realizing our institutional mission and strategic objectives.”

When asked what shared governance means, Dr. Spirou responded with “Shared governance is a continuous, ever changing condition, formulated as a result of a dialectical relationship between the faculty and administration. It is a key element that contributes to the making of a unique culture found within the higher education enterprise.” One illustrative example was curriculum where he indicated that the faculty have the primary responsibility for the subject matter and instructional methods while the administration shoulders the responsibility for operational effectiveness.

While the continued success and advancement of Georgia College are deeply connected to the accomplishments of our students, our staff, and our faculty, the university senate is a setting in which these three constituencies collaborate and discuss and approve policies and procedures. But in order for shared governance to be successful, communication and transparency must be rigorously pursued and consistently practiced. In the end, Georgia College’s success is greatly informed by the success of its University Senate.

## Committee Highlights

- ❑ **RPIPC invites Parking Concerns.** Dr. Jan Clark, RPIPC Chair, requested that parking concerns from any member of the university community be emailed to her at [jan.clark@gcsu.edu](mailto:jan.clark@gcsu.edu) to inform ongoing RPIPC deliberation on parking.
- ❑ **Subcommittee on the Core Curriculum (SoCC) invites Area B Proposals.** SoCC will accept new proposals for Area B sections at any time. Please be aware that the routing process has changed slightly, a proposal must now receive the following three signatures before SoCC can review it: Department Chair, College Dean, and Associate Provost

All information about the proposal review process is available at <https://intranet.gcsu.edu/socc>.

## USG Updates

In a memo shared with the University Senate by President Dorman, the University System of Georgia announced the launch of a national search to fill the position of Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer (CAO). The search committee is chaired by University of Georgia’s President, **Jere Morehead**, and includes faculty and student representatives by the presence of **Professor Wendy Turner**, Augusta University, and SGA President **Briana Stanley**, Georgia State University. Other committee members include **Tricia Chastain**, executive vice chancellor, USG administration; **Dr. Kevin Demmitt**, provost and vice president for academic affairs, Clayton State University; **Dr. Paul Jones**, president, Fort Valley State University; **Dr. Kyle Marrero**, president, University of West Georgia; **Dr. Gina Sheeks**, vice president for student affairs, Columbus State University; **Charles Sutlive**, vice chancellor, USG communications and governmental affairs; **Dr. Margaret Venable**, president, Dalton State University; and **Dr. Martha Venn**, deputy vice chancellor, USG academic affairs.

## Trending in Higher Education - Material courtesy of the Chronicle of Higher Education

- ❑ Learn how other institutions are setting the Tone for Inclusion on Campus. Watch the video here: <http://www.chronicle.com/article/Video-Setting-the-Tone-for/238304>
- ❑ "Sanctuary Campuses" What are they? <http://www.chronicle.com/article/How-Colleges-Are-Responding-to/2385>

## UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- Jan. 20, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. | University Senate
- Feb. 3 at 2:00 p.m. | Standing Committee Meetings
- Feb. 3 at 3:30 p.m. | ECUS with Standing Committee Chairs

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