



University Senate

Shaping the future through shared governance



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Message from the Presiding Officer Dr. Chavonda Mills



Georgia College's University Senate is excited to launch its inaugural e-newsletter. The e-newsletter will be published monthly following each senate meeting, and will provide a summary of the most recent senate actions, highlights from standing committee reports, and thoughts on shared governance from a member of the university community. Our University Senate represents all constituencies on campus – faculty, staff, and students. The e-newsletter serves to foster communication with the various constituencies and encourages input from the university community. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any University Senator if you wish to bring forth an issue for consideration.

Meet the 2016-2017 University Senate <https://senate.gcsu.edu/senate-members/current>

Meeting Highlights

- ❑ **Strategic Plan 2016-2021.** Following a robust discussion, the University Senate acting as a committee of the whole endorsed the vision, value and mission statements as well as the six goals identified in the 2016-2021 Georgia College Strategic Plan. The endorsement included the following statement: The University Senate looks forward to seeing plans for the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2016-2021 including a budget.
- ❑ **Senate approves all eight CAPC motions at October meeting.** In CAPC motion list:
 - ❑ Master of Music Education (MMED) - Online Delivery - [1617.CAPC.001.C](#)
 - ❑ Master of Arts in Teaching in Music Education - New Program Prospectus - [1617.CAPC.002.C](#)
 - ❑ Master of Education with a Major in Middle Grades Education - Modify Curriculum, Delivery Format, and Name - [1617.CAPC.003.C](#)
 - ❑ Master of Arts in Teaching in Middle Grades Education - Change of Delivery Format - [1617.CAPC.004.C](#)
 - ❑ Minor in Women's Studies Name Change to Minor in Women's and Gender Studies - [1617.CAPC.005.C](#)
 - ❑ Department of Marketing Name Change to Department of Marketing and Logistics - [1617.CAPC.006.C](#)
 - ❑ Establishment of the Department of Professional Learning and Innovation - [1617.CAPC.007.C](#)
 - ❑ Establishment of the Department of Teacher Education - [1617.CAPC.008.C](#)
- ❑ **Parking Policy Recommendation motion to be discussed at November meeting.** During committee reports Dr. Jan Clark, RPIPC Chair, referenced an upcoming motion regarding enforcement of the current university policy on parking. Because campus parking is an area of concern for faculty/staff and students, the topic is expected to spark a spirited discussion at the next senate meeting on Nov. 18, 2016.

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



Shared Voices with University President, Dr. Steve Dorman: In higher education, an effective decision-making process must include voices from the thousands of students, faculty, staff, alums and other stakeholders. The University President finds the University Senate to be his official channel to those voices. In his role as President, Dr. Dorman participates in the University Senate as a non-voting member and member of the executive committee. During meetings, the President provides a detailed report, gains feedback and answers any questions the senate may have.

"The senate provides an official way for the president and the cabinet to know the views of the university faculty, staff and students on issues which they bring before the Senate." says Dr. Dorman. The university community should be aware that the University Senate is a legislative body that makes recommendations (mostly on university policy) to the President and serves in an advisory role to the administration.

President Dorman, firmly believes that, "The appropriate function of the senate predicates that all who are involved take their role seriously and represent the areas from which they are elected. It assumes good will on the part of all and that all are acting in what they believe is the best interest of the university. It also assumes and values transparency and honest debate."

University Senate meets the third Friday of each month in Room 2-72 of the College of Arts and Sciences Building, you are invited to attend and share your voice!

Committee Highlights

- ❑ **Academic Policy Committee (APC)** *Online course issues invited.* An oral invitation was extended to all present at the university senate meeting to submit items of concern related to on line courses to APC. The committee has invited Jeanne Sewell, Interim Director of IDEAS, to its Nov. 4, 2016 meeting to discuss identified issues related to online courses. Items of concern (issues) may be submitted to Carol Sapp, APC Committee Chair, via email at carol.sapp@gcsu.edu
- ❑ **Curriculum Affairs Policy Committee (CAPC)** *Guidelines for submission of curriculum changes:* Kay Anderson, Registrar, Dr. Dale Young, Interim Associate Provost, Dr. Costas Spirou, Interim Provost and Dr. Lyndall Muschell, CAPC Chair met on Aug. 25, 2016, to discuss the guidelines for submission of curriculum changes and approval process. The most significant change is that new courses, course changes, program or study changes, or changes to existing programs originating at the department level will be sent by the Dean of the unit to the Associate Provost, Registrar, University Senate Presiding Officer, and CAPC Chair.
- ❑ **Resources, Planning, and Institutional Policy Committee (RPIPC)** *Invitation for parking concerns.* Dr. Jan Clark requested that parking concerns from any member of the university community be emailed to her at jan.clark@gcsu.edu to inform ongoing RPIPC deliberation on parking.
- ❑ **Subcommittee on the Core Curriculum (SoCC)** *Area B proposals invited.* Please spread the word to qualified faculty that we are ready to review new proposals for Area B sections. Proposals must be reviewed and signed by the faculty member's Chair and Dean before submission to SoCC.
SoCC Website The committee has streamlined its online presence since last year (to exclusively the website rather than both the website & D2L). The committee request that faculty now seek all forms and information related to SoCC (including how to propose teaching a section of GC1Y or GC2Y) on their website (through Unify): <https://intranet.gcsu.edu/socc>

Trending in Higher Education

- ❑ Georgia College transitions from LARP (Liberal Arts Renewal Project) to LEAP (Liberal Education and America's Promise). Learn what it means to be a LEAP institution by visiting: <https://www.aacu.org/leap>
- ❑ A college degree can mean a lot in our global community, even deciding the next President of the United States. Read more here: <http://www.chronicle.com/article/Why-the-College-Degree-Seems/238044>

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Nov. 4 at 2:00 p.m. | Standing Committee Meetings

Nov. 4 at 3:30 p.m. | ECUS Meeting with Standing Committee Chairs

Nov. 18 at 3:30 p.m. | University Senate

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