1. The G&C Committee met on Friday, October 24, 2014, on the Summerville campus. Our committee meetings alternate locations between the two major GRU campuses. We presently have five subcommittees working issues.
   a. The Bylaws and Statutes Review Subcommittee (chair: Emam Hoosain, COE) coordinated the October “survey” vote on the proposed Bylaws and Statutes changes and briefed the Executive Committee on the results. The Senate is working its way through validating or changing the change process itself; we hope the change process will be simplified, and that the results of this survey will be accepted as changes not only to the Bylaws but to the Statutes as well.
   b. The Faculty Evaluation of Administrators Subcommittee (chair: Lindsay Blake, Library) The Press-Gainey results were briefed to the Senate on October 6th.
      i. The timing of the next survey will depend on the review of the Press-Gainey results. There is a requirement that such surveys be conducted at intervals of five years or less; right now we are looking at perhaps a 2-year cycle for the portion evaluating administrators.
      ii. We are also looking at having administrators (including VP’s, SVP’s, AVP’s, etc.) have a Peer / Key relationship evaluation on a rolling 3 or 4 year basis.
   c. The Intrafaculty Communications Subcommittee (chair: Walter Moore, MCG) is still working a project to come up with an understandable way for faculty to send email notifications to “all” faculty; this means for both “Official” and “Unofficial” emails, and to both “Full Time Faculty” and “Part Time Faculty” (put together they would constitute “All Faculty”).
   d. The Nomination and Election Subcommittee (chaired by Mariana D’Amico, CoAH) has recommended a timeline to the Executive Committee, to solicit nominations for filling University-wide and College-wide offices that will be due for a vote the end of this academic year. This includes elections for next year’s Senators and Committee Members. We are still awaiting Executive Committee approval of those recommendations, but will plan to present them to the Senate at the December meeting.
   e. The Policy Review Subcommittee (chaired by Robert Scott, CoSM) is prepared to meet with the University’s Policy Review Group, but the PRG meeting has not met now for two months. As reported last meeting, there are presently two draft Policies that will require Faculty Review, with more expected this semester. The
results of these reviews should be briefed to the Senate by their respective reviewing committees at the November 3rd Senate meeting. Once their review results have been approved by the Senate, the drafts will be sent back to this committee and then back to the PRG.

i. Draft “Institutional Admissions Policy” (Policy Owner is the Office of Academic Admissions): Assigned to the Student Affairs Committee, since the Bylaws task that committee with making “recommendations ... on GRU admissions requirements.” Note that there is a requirement by the BOR for review and subsequent approval by the University Senate: [http://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section3/policy/C337/#p3.2.4_faculty_rules_and_regulations](http://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section3/policy/C337/#p3.2.4_faculty_rules_and_regulations).

ii. Draft Intellectual Diversity Policy, to be briefed by the Curriculum and Academic Policies Committee.

2. Dr. Rychly has asked the Governance and Communication Committee Chair to help put together the Faculty Resource Manual, under the leadership of the Faculty Rights & Responsibilities Committee. Other Committees being asked to help out (“the core committee”) are the Student Affairs Committee, the Faculty Development Committee, and the Curriculum and Academic Policies Committee. Accordingly, we have asked for a short meeting after this Senate meeting with the leads from those committees (including the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee) to schedule a meeting for later this week.

3. Our next Governance and Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19th, at 11:30am in the Greenblatt Library, Room AB-211, Health Science campus.