University Senate Governance & Communication Committee
Report to the Senate March 2, 2015

1. The G&C Committee met on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, on the Health Science campus. Our committee meetings alternate locations between the two major GRU campuses, and this month’s meeting is tentatively scheduled for the third week in March in the Math Department Conference Room, Allgood Hall N319, Summerville campus.

2. We presently have five subcommittees working issues.

   a. The Bylaws and Statutes Review Subcommittee (chair: Emam Hoosain, COE) submitted our recommended changes to the Executive Committee on February 18th. They consist of a compilation of those issues previously voted on before we redefined a quorum, with a plan for a more extensive review next academic year. Among other needed changes for next year is updating the Bylaws description of the Dispute Resolution and Grievance Committee. That description conflicts with the overall GRU Policy document on the subject (GRU Policy 8.2.3, Faculty Grievance Policy, [http://policy.gru.edu/archives/454](http://policy.gru.edu/archives/454)) promulgated by Human Resources. The two policies need to be reconciled.

   b. The Faculty Evaluation of Administrators Subcommittee (chair: Lindsay Blake, Library) is following up on the Press-Gainey results. The next step still appears to be the report from the President’s Cabinet.

   c. The Intrafaculty Communications Subcommittee (chair: Walter Moore, MCG) is working with Jack Evans, the Vice President of Communications and Marketing, about faculty email. The OCM is working on a “strategic communication plan,” which is under development and expected to take multiple months with its rollout in an iterative process. Our first issue is rationalizing “All Faculty” emails both within colleges and across the university.

   d. The Nomination and Election Subcommittee (chaired by Julie Zadinsky, CON) has received the final nominations for Senate Offices (with the exception of Secretary Treasurer) and Senators at Large; we are working toward holding those elections in March, with help from Heather Lewis and the Office of Institutional Research. In addition, we have put together a listing for each college as to which University Senate and University Senate Committee billets will need to be filled for the fall semester, with the goal of completing college elections in March.
before Spring Break. That way we will know the members of next year’s Senate and Senate committees by the final Senate meeting in April.

e. The Policy Review Subcommittee (chaired by Robert Scott, CoSM) reports that the University’s Policy Review Group (PRG) has been somewhat delayed by transition to a new IT system for policy tracking.

i. Draft “Institutional Admissions Policy” (Policy Owner is the Office of Academic Admissions): was assigned to the Student Affairs Committee, for review in September, 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). That review was reported out to the Senate in February but could not be approved due to the absence of a quorum.

ii. There may be further draft GRU Policies sent to Senate Committees in March, and we will be asking those committees to report their recommendations to the Senate by the final Senate meeting of this academic year, presently scheduled for 4/20.

iii. The “Core Committee” chaired by Dr. Scott at the behest of Dr. Rychly, to recommend a new GRU Faculty Manual. The listing of contents was sent to Senate members before the February meeting, and there has been no feedback. We are still working toward a goal of having the document itself completed at least in draft form, by the end of spring semester.