University Senate Curriculum and Academic Policies report
2014-2015 Annual Report

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- Approved several curricular proposals as requested by the Office of Academic and Faculty Affairs and as required by the curricular approval policy.
- Ideas for the content of GRU faculty manual were discussed and shared.
- Held discussions on and decided against continuing the implementation of the Intellectual Diversity Policy sent for review. The consensus was that the policy was ambiguous and that it needed to be taken to college level for review. Comments on the policy were compiled and were emailed to the VPAFA and the University Senate.
- Edited and made improvements on five academic policies documents sent by Dr. Wyatt. The policies were:

1. 3.3.11 - Academic Standing. This policy has been modified due to changes in the BOR policy on academic renewal.

2. 3.3.2 – Adding, Dropping, and Withdrawing. This policy has been modified to address tracking issues related to withdrawals for academic reasons versus medical, hardship, and military reasons.

3. 3.4.2 – Grading System Policy. This policy has been updated to match our Incomplete Policy. There was a discrepancy between the two. The new grade codes for withdrawals have also been added.

4. 3.7.1 – Transfer Credit Policy. This policy was updated due to changing regulations from individual programs and schools.
5. Credit for Prior Learning Policy. This is a new policy required by SACSCOC based on changing federal regulations. The existing 3.3.8 – Advanced Placement Credit and Credit by Examination policy has been combined into this new policy. This is due to the way that SACSCOC recognizes AP and credit by examination credit.

Respectfully submitted by

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