

Charges to the Faculty Senate, Senate Committees, and Recognized Senate Affiliates 2020-2021

A primary charge to the MGA Senate and all of its Recognized Senate Affiliates (RSA) will be to continue to engage in a comprehensive review of student retention, progression, and graduation (RPG). Additionally, as it relates to RPG, each committee should discuss ways to increase campus presence.

Questions to answer include: What is MGA doing well to help students progress toward graduation? What is not working well? What can we do to understand and improve student progress? What additional measures should be implemented to improve retention? Many efforts are underway including the Momentum Approach, Ways to Completion, Complete College Georgia, and building Shared Strategy. Assuring that the Senate is aware of and engaged in this effort is critical to our success in our shared governance environment.

In addition to this overarching effort, it is requested that each committee, board, or council work toward completing the charges noted below.

Senate Committee	Function	Administrative / Ex Officio	Charges for 2020-2021
1. Academic Affairs Committee	Function: The Academic Affairs Committee shall collaborate with the Office of the Provost to review formal academic policy petitions at the course, program, and institutional level. The Academic Affairs Committee shall submit all curricular recommendations and overarching institutional policy to the Senate review process. Other items are forwarded to the Office of the Provost for review and approval. Specifics are outlined below in Article VII §M.2.c.	Dr. Michael Gibbons, Associate Provost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to assure that bachelors degree programs, to the extent possible, have at least 18 open electives within the upper division 60 hours. As much as possible, assure all program changes to be implemented for the 2022 Academic Catalog have been approved by the Senate or AA Committee by the December Senate meeting.
2. Academic Quality Committee	Function: The Academic Quality Committee shall discuss, analyze and recommend action on matters related to MGA's instructional practices, including but not limited to		

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	research and presentations on and off campus, such as artistic events, 25 conferences, and biological field study; and the establishment of student chapters of professional organizations. The Student Academic Enhancement Committee will coordinate with the Faculty Affairs Committee, the Student Affairs Committee, and the Teaching Resources and Budgetary Allocation Committee to lobby for infrastructure and funding to support these efforts.		
11. Student Affairs Committee	Function: The Student Affairs Committee shall annually review the Student Handbook, RSO Documents, the Student Code of Conduct, and study and recommend policies and procedures concerning the overall Student Affairs mission and its impact on teaching, learning, and living at MGA.	Dr. Jennifer Brannon VP Student Affairs	· Review student affairs practices on campus and make recommendations for promoting student services institutionwide.
12. Teaching Resources and Budgetary Allocation Committee	The Teaching Resources and Budgetary Allocation Committee shall recommend changes in infrastructure, the budgetary request process, policy and practice to increase functionality and effectiveness in the classroom, the library and labs, and closely related activities that enhance student learning and engagement. The Teaching Resources Budgetary and Allocation Committee will collaborate with the Faculty Affairs Committee and the Student Academic Enhancement Committee to strengthen their shared objectives.	Dr. Neil Rigole, Provost Fellow for Faculty Development 2020-2021	· Working with the faculty affairs committee and Student Academic Enhancement committee, develop and recommend plans to increase student retention through effective teaching and resource allocation.
Recognized Senate Affiliates (RSAs)	Function	Administrative/ Ex Officio	Charges for 2020-2021
Campus Safety Board	Function: The Campus Safety Board shall review the Annual		

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Faculty Development Board	Function: In collaboration with the Center of Teaching and Learning, the Faculty Development Board shall coordinate a program of faculty development opportunities within disciplines, across colleges/schools and to improve the quality of teaching and learning. This RSA manages a budget for funding faculty development activities and resources, solicits applications from members of the faculty seeking funds for travel to professional conferences, and makes recommendations to the library for teaching and learning materials.	Dr. Neil Rigole, Provost Fellow for Faculty Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Review applications for faculty development funding· Assure currency of Faculty Development website and application materials· Explore ways to implement the requirement for faculty to share their learning gained from faculty development funding support· Plan for 2020/2021 biannual faculty
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