

Faculty Senate Agenda
Monday, May 12, 2025
Microsoft Teams
11:15am - 1:00pm

Attendees (senators denoted in bold):

1. **Introduction of Senators**—All online
2. **Approval of Minutes**—4/28/2025; approved unanimously
3. **Remarks and Q&A, Dr. Georj Lewis, President**—BOR meeting will me this Thursday the 15th. No major items for us this time around. Academic recognition day will be held this Thursday—all institutions identify a top student Hailey Long—we already recognized her. She will be representing us. Enrollment goes from day to day. We're flat headcount for the summer, but up on credit hours it seems. Fall the big gap we had is shrinking. Continuing students seem to be registering. 89 students less than where we were last year. Thank you everyone for that. Reminder strategic plan innovation grant. ITS password reset day is the evening of May 17th. There was an email with more information on that. Best days of the year are our commencements. Approximately 400 students walked. Well attended with faculty. It was great. Thank you to the committee. 463 students were eligible to participate but 392 walked. Thank you everyone for your pinning and honors ceremonies that happened last week. Thank you everyone for your hard work.
4. **Remarks and Q&A, Dr. Jill Drake, Provost**—Thank you everyone for your hard work at commencement. Sector regents advisory call last week. One of the things talked about was (and will be shared at the board meeting Thursday) removing the work “noteworthy” from P&T language. All numerical references will remain. Shawn Little got on the call specifically about nursing and physicians that we produce. Update on army corpsman to be credentialed as a registered nurse program. Also mentioned they are working on reconfiguring the regents advisory committees. They want to streamline them and get better connections beyond academics. Pay attention to those meetings as they happen. Costus gave an update about the faculty council meeting. If you want to hear his assessment of the meeting they spent about 90 minutes asking about DEI. Mostly positive. They are updating the faculty dual appointment form. 0 details given, but hasn't been updated since 2011. The system is doing a post tenure review across all institutions. They will be wrapping up and she will meet with them to go over findings. Purpose of the audit was to see if policies are aligned across the system. Found that a lot of campuses didn't have remedial actions; if there was an unfavorable finding. Have to remove language of “you have to reply within XX business days.” Has to be calendar days not business days. Some schools do not include annual evaluations are not included for the prior 4 years. How does student success play into this? That needs to be addressed. Some schools changed research and scholarship with professional development. That language is not ok—need to use r and s. Again, commencement was amazing. Pinning ceremonies were amazing.

5. Subcommittee Reports

- a. **University Curriculum Committee** - vote on UCC approved items
Approved unanimously
- b. **Academic Policy Committee**
Nothing really new to report. Have charge for the fall including looking at posthumous things.
- c. **Faculty Affairs Committee**
Did not meet last week to attend CELT faculty appreciation event. Met with office of research and looking at 2 trainings for the fall around grants. Talking to colleges about creating an FAQ around grants.
- d. **Student Affairs Committee**
No report. Will pick back up in the fall.

6. **Stacey Reynolds, update from USGFC in-person meeting**—Met on the 5th and 6th of May. Very collegial environment. Everyone had a chance to share concerns. Many concerns were around grant funding, DEI, and enrollment. From retiree council they have documentation if you are talking about retiring—start looking at that 5 years out and then a year out preparation. Emeritus retiree is different than general retirees. Look at your policies—affect access to library. Break out by school type to talk about issues per type of school. Dr. Costus was there as the provost said. VP of HR was there as well. One theme was around DEI. There weren't a lot of hard core things that were said. Answered all of those questions—can send the list of questions out. A big item for the chancellor was the 3 goals for usg retention progression and graduation—nursing transfer program and a high demand career list created by the governors office. Not just for GA, but also nationally, and internationally. Talked about the consolidation that happened very frankly. There is no process in place for consolidation of universities at this time. Elected officers and updated the bylaws—there was nothing about removing someone from serving. Next meeting will be at GA tech and then North GA. Council was asked for a resolution around academic freedom, but did not yet. KSU has one, and others are working on it, and the general thought was “that's nice” and think that it's an institution by institution thing. If anyone is being asked to relinquish their academic freedom, must come forward with specific examples to work on to see if there was a real issue.

7. **Introduction of Senators for 2025–2026 Academic Year**—All online.

8. **Election of Officers - Chair, Vice Chair, & Secretary**
Nominations for Chair: Michael Lindsay—unanimous vote; will be Chair next school year
Nominations for Vice Chair: Stacey Reynolds—unanimous vote; will be Vice Chair next school year

Nominations for Secretary: David Pena—unanimous vote; will be secretary next school year

Adjourn—12:03pm