STUDENT ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT, ACTION ITEMS, AND MINUTES
ACADEMIC SENATE, OCTOBER 22, 2013
3:00 PM, STUDENT CENTER THEATRE
PRESENTER

• Dr. Craig Tovey
• Annual Report for 2012-2013
  • Action Items
  • Minutes
Highlights of the 2012-2013 Annual Report:

• Committee had 12 members
• Committee met 6 times during the year
• Excused absence work was often conducted via email
Highlights of the 2012-2013 Annual Report:

- **Topics covered:**
  - Excused absence procedures (edits to clarify)
  - Excused absence policy review in regard to activities in which an individual student is representing GT at an event
  - Growing gap in financial aid – costs going up, students’ ability to pay shrinking
  - Faculty-student ratio in some programs is too high
  - Discussion of the work of the Committee and better documentation of its procedures
  - Increased engagement of alumni in faculty in making admission decisions for freshman class
Highlights of the 2012-2013 Annual Report:

- Topics covered:
  - Other changes in selection of freshmen such as requiring interviews
  - Future of transfer student recruitment and enrollment
  - More possible guidance for students in making the decision to change majors
  - Possible role of SAFAC in the Complete College Georgia Program, determining possible courses of action to impact student success
  - Academic advising – periodic reports to determine if there are areas that need improvement
2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Highlights of the 2012-2013 Annual Report:

- **Topics covered:**
  - Whether the charge of this Committee is clear enough and still relevant
  - Class attendance policy and requirements to track student participation in class
  - A central repository of SAFAC minutes, meeting notes, and other documents
  - Communication plan on such things as the excused absence policy so that the campus community would better understand how it works
2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Highlights of the 2012-2013 Annual Report:

• **Topics covered:**
  - Concerns of graduate students:
    - Counseling services and suicide rates
    - Career services
    - Review and rethinking of orientation (changes have since been made)
    - Leadership in Graduate Admissions Office
  - Other topics raised as possible discussion items:
    - Creation of soft guidelines for religious holidays
    - Housing fees
    - Review of other rules and regulations
ACTION ITEMS

• From the October 3, 2013 meeting:
  • NONE
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

• Meeting Notes:
  • October 3, 2013
    • No quorum, discussion about start up and possible topics of discussion