

Georgia Perimeter College, Georgia State University

Consolidation Implementation Committee

Meeting to be held December 2, 2015

Centennial Hall, Georgia State University

12-2-15 DISCUSSION AGENDA RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED AT PRIOR CIC MEETINGS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION

[Committee 15-2: Faculty Honors and Awards: \(reviewed & supported by Risa Palm\):](#)

ORIGINAL

1. Recommends that the new GSU be allowed to nominate faculty and departments/programs for the research sector regent's award:

Regent's award nominations are accepted based on the "sector" of the university/college: (research universities, regional and state universities, and state colleges). GSU will maintain its research mission and should be able to submit nominees in that sector.

Returned for rewrite and resubmission: Need more research. What happens when the 2 year faculty are now at 4 year school (special consideration by BoR?).

REVISED

1. Recommends that the new GSU be allowed to nominate faculty and departments/programs for the research sector and for the access sector regent's award:

Regent's award nominations are accepted based on the "sector" of the university/college (research universities, regional and state universities, and state colleges). In consultation with the System office (Dr. Linda Noble), it is recommended that GPC retain opportunity to submit nominations in the state college sector; and GSU will maintain its research mission and should be able to submit nominees in that sector.

ORIGINAL

2. Recommends that faculty honors and awards continue to be funded by the foundation:

Faculty awards from Perimeter College should be evaluated to determine which awards will be supported by the University level foundation and which awards are deemed to be college level awards.

Returned for rewrite and resubmission: Need clarification on which award. Recommendation from CIC either strike or provide more detail.

Spreadsheet of awards provided in separate document.

[Committee 19: Financial Aid: \(reviewed & supported by Tim Renick\):](#)

ORIGINAL

3. Recommends offering the Perkins Loan Program to Bachelor and Graduate level students only:

Georgia State University currently offers the Federal Perkins Loan Program. The recommendation is for the New Georgia State University to offer the Perkins Loan Program to Bachelor and Graduate level students only. Georgia Perimeter College does not currently participate in the Federal Perkins Loan Program. Due to lower direct cost to students enrolled at the access institution the assessment of additional loan debt is not recommended.

Withdrawn by committee. Will rewrite and resubmit.

REVISED

3. Recommends that during the Federal Perkins Loan Program wind-down period, schools may continue to make Perkins Loan disbursements to students who received at least one Perkins Loan disbursements on or before June 30, 2015:

Georgia State University currently offers the Federal Perkins Loan Program. The Perkins Loan program expired on September 30, 2015. Due to the expiration of the program, new rules have been established by the Department of Education regarding the future administration of the program.

[Committee 20-4: Registration:](#)

[Committee Co-Chairs-Shari Schwartz, Tarrah Mirus:](#)

ORIGINAL

8. Recommends that students are expected to attend class in order to gain command of concepts and materials of their courses of study. As such, the University does not mandate the number or percentage of absences that are acceptable but suggests a guideline of 15 percent for collegiate level and 10 percent for learning support and English as a second language for determining an excessive level of absence. Specific class attendance policies are at the discretion of the instructor in accordance with the policies of the department and

college. Excused absences are recognized in the following cases: University sponsored events, legal obligations, and religious observances:

Helps to ensure student learning and progression to degree. Aligns policies.

Needs to be rewritten for better/more clarity.

REVISED

8. Recommends that specific class attendance policies are at the discretion of the instructor in accordance with the policies of the department, college and university. Class attendance policies should be noted on the syllabi. Excused absences are recognized in the following cases: University sponsored events, legal obligations, and religious observances:

Helps to ensure student learning and progression to degree. Aligns policies.

ORIGINAL

9. Recommends that students be allowed to withdraw with a grade of W a maximum of six times in their undergraduate career at Georgia State. Students on a 2-year educational track will have a limit of 3 and will receive a notification once they have two withdrawals. Advising interventions will be put in place to educate and guide students on this policy:

This brings better alignment between policies across the consolidated university and supports compliance with federal Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policies. The limit does not apply for up to two semesters in which all courses are withdrawn prior to midpoint. Withdrawing from all courses a third semester results in grades of WF if the limit has been reached. Courses are awarded the W based on the date and time in which the withdrawals occurred. Students can make an appeal when the sixth withdrawal is reached to shift the last W to another course in which it would have been the 7th for 4-year track students and shift the 3rd for 2 year students. Emergency, military, withdrawals are not included in the six limit, nor are withdrawals from semesters prior to fall 2006 for those on the 4 year level track. Withdrawals from other institutions, withdrawals due to nonpayment or withdrawal grades of WF do not count in the limit. Withdrawals for students in the 2-year track prior to Fall 2016 will not be counted in the limit.

Needs to be rewritten: concerns that GPC transfer students will be at a disadvantage to all other transfer students if this recommendation is implemented as written.

REVISED

9. Recommends that students be allowed to withdraw with a grade of W a maximum of six times in their undergraduate career at Georgia State. Students on a 2-year educational track will have a limit of 3 withdrawals while enrolled at Perimeter College and will receive a notification once they have received two withdrawals. Advising interventions will be put in place to educate and guide students on this policy:

The following withdrawals are excluded:

- **Withdrawals for non-collegiate level work**
- **Withdrawals prior to fall 2016 for 2–year track students**
- **Withdrawals prior to fall 2006 for 4-year track students**
- **Emergency**
- **Military**
- **Nonpayment**
- **WF grades**

This brings better alignment between policies across the consolidated university and supports compliance with federal Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policies and does not hinder LSP students or students with Withdrawals prior to consolidation.

ORIGINAL

14. Recommends that grade modes and symbols associated with grades be aligned:

Certain symbols and codes such as #, GP (grade pending) and others are used similarly. These will be aligned within the new Banner student record system. Others like IP for in progress will be reinstated for 2 year level courses for consistency. Data shows the majority of faculty at GSU use standard grades without plus/minus. GPC has not used plus/minus since 1976. Implementing a more specific grade point scale may not be in the best interest of the students, particularly at the 2-year, associate level. At the very least the committee recommends eliminating the C-. Students cannot transfer with a C- nor does it meet prerequisites.

Needs to be rewritten.

REVISED

14. Recommends that grade modes and symbols associated with grades be aligned for consistency of use and practice. Perimeter College courses will not use plus minus grading, but the coding will still be available in the system for four-year and graduate-level coursework:

Certain symbols and codes such as #, GP (grade pending) and others are used similarly. These will be aligned within the new Banner student record system. Others like IP for in progress will be reinstated for 2 year level courses for consistency.

ORIGINAL

16. Recommends that when a student passes away before completing all assignments in a course a grade of W will be posted. However, if the student has completed more than half the work required for the course and earned a grade of A or B in that work, the instructor may submit a change of grade to award the student a grade of A or a B:

Align policies based on current practice. No formal policy existed at GPC.

Needs to be rewritten. Suggested wording: “consistent with current GSU policy.”

REVISED

16. Recommends that the grading of a student who passes away before completing all assignments in a course be handled in a way consistent with current Georgia State University policy:

Align policies based on current practice. No formal policy existed at GPC.

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18. Recommends that starting of Fall 2016, transfer credit grades will be included in the overall grade point average and a transfer credit grade point average will be reflected in Banner for 2-year students (as it is for 4-year students currently):

Aligns policies in coordination of transfer articulation being entered within the student record system for advising and financial aid purposes. Aligns the transcript legend for overall grade point average. Currently GPC students receive transfer credits, but not transfer GPA. All prior course work is entered into Banner.

Needs to be rewritten: needs clarity on exactly how this policy will affect students.

REVISED

18. Recommends that a committee be convened to review the different articulation processes for transfer credit and to identify a set of common policies across the consolidated university that will meet federal financial aid requirements without having a negative impact on student retention, HOPE eligibility, and financial aid eligibility, including SAP (Satisfactory Academic Process):

GPC and GSU perform the articulation process differently at this time. While both institutions enter all coursework on a transcript in Banner, the outcome of the articulation differs. GPC awards credit only on those courses listed on the transcript that are determined to be equivalent to GPC courses and acceptable towards a degree program. GSU performs the banner articulation process on all courses listed on the transcript and indicates if they are determined as equivalent for transfer, but includes all courses taken in the student’s history whether they are applicable to the current program of study or not. It is preferable to have one policy so grade point averages do not continue to fluctuate as students change degree programs or transition between the two levels, 2-year level and 4-year level.

ORIGINAL

29. Recommends that a review be conducted to ensure that timelines for graduation audits are aligned between the two institutions. Audits must be done prior to registration for the last semester in which a student will be required to enroll. Final audits will be done within the Registrar’s Office:

Aids in progression and helps to eliminate problems with students not being registered appropriately for their remaining courses. Aligns practices across the consolidated university.

Needs to be rewritten: Will there be a “hold” placed barring registration?

REVISED

29. Recommends that timelines for graduation audits are aligned between the two institutions. Audits are done prior to the student’s last term of registration. Final degree conferral will be done within the Registrar’s Office. Holds are not in place on student records for graduation review:

Aids in proper advisement and progression and helps to eliminate problems with students not being registered appropriately for their remaining courses. Aligns practices across the consolidated university.