

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**

Committee on General University Policy

GP.14.03 Annual Report for 2013-2014
(Final; Information)

The Senate General University Policy Committee (GUP) is responsible for studying, reporting and making recommendations to the Senate concerning general University policy in broad terms. This report summarizes the activities of GUP during the 2013-2014 academic year. GUP met seven times (September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5, January 30, April 3, and April 24). More detailed information is provided in the minutes of those meetings.

Items that were under active consideration this year (2013-14):

GP.12.08 Task Force on Dual Tenure Positions

GUP reviewed the draft policy “Faculty Appointments and Conflicts of Commitment/Interest.” The draft policy was also shared with the Council of Deans. Following review, the policy was forwarded to the Senate Executive Committee for transmittal to the Senate.

GP.13.08 Draft Proposal for Senate Executive Committee on Amending the *Standing Rules* Regarding Senate Agendas

GUP forwarded recommendations for amendments to the *Standing Rules* last year. The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP) prepared a proposal to revise the *Standing Rules* (SP.13.08, Revision to *Standing Rule 14*) which was approved by the Senate on September 16, 2013.

GP.14.01 Shared Governance Best Practices Implementation Checklist

In response to concerns expressed in the GUP Survey on Shared Governance at the Unit Level, GUP drafted a checklist of shared governance practices that the Committee hoped would be a template as part of the annual evaluation of the unite executive officer and a supplement to the current annual report. The draft document was shared with several department heads and received positive feedback.

Following the last GUP meeting, the draft document was discussed by the Council of Deans and the Senate Executive Committee. Given the support expressed by both groups, the document is being slightly revised by the Office of the Provost for use as a new Provost’s Communication and will be widely distributed, including to new deans and department heads.

GP.14.02 Employment Guidelines for Specialized Faculty Holding Non-Tenure System Positions

GUP reviewed and provided input on the “Draft Employment Guidelines for Specialized Faculty Holding Non-Tenure Positions.” Katherine Galvin, Associate Provost for

Administrative Affairs, presented the document to the Senate on February 10, 2014. The Senate endorsed the Guiding Principles of the document on March 10, 2014.

Items that are being monitored by the committee:

- GP.07.04 Multi-Year Contracts Policy and Implementation**
- GP.09.01 Academy on Capitalism and Limited Government Foundation**
- GP.13.09 Records and Information Management Communication**

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