

Georgia Institute of Technology
2016-2017 Annual Report
Student Regulations Committee
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
3-5:00 p.m.

Student Center Theater
Fall Meeting of the Faculty, Faculty Senate, & Academic Faculty Senate

Membership and Roles:

Voting Members	Affiliation	Role
Linda Harley	BMED	
Al Ferri	ME	Chair
Ty Herrington	LMC	
Gordon Kingsley	Public Policy	
Andrea Laliberte	ISyE	Vice-Chair
Joe Montoya	Biology	
Lindsey Eidson	UG Student	
Ben Nickel	UG Student	
Pavan Thaker	GRAD Student	
Non-Voting Members	Affiliation	Role
Reta Pikowsky	Registrar	Secretary
John Stein	Vice President-SL and DOS	
Doug Nation	Faculty Exec. Board Liaison	
Standing Guests	Affiliation	
Steven Girardot	VProvost-UG EDU	
Jeremy Gray	Registrar's Office	

Meetings: The Student Regulations Committee met 6 times during the 2-16-2017 Academic Year.

Meeting dates were:

- September 28, 2016
- November 16, 2016
- November 30, 2016
- January 27, 2017
- March 17, 2017
- April 14, 2017

Business of the Committee:

The business of the Committee is related to academic policy matters as described in the Rules and Regulations section of the *Catalog*.

Discussion Topics:

There were many items of discussion during the past year. Topics reviewed and discussed by the Committee included:

- Leave of Absence policy
- Including a progress toward degree statement in the policy on Academic Standing (concerns forwarded to the Committee from the Institute Undergraduate Curriculum Committee)
- Computer Usage Policy (discussed as an informational item)
- Due date for mid-term progress reports (make the deadline the same as for final grades for purposes of consistency)
- Readmission policy as it relates to a change of major
- Academic Standing policy (do the current GPA requirements make sense at the present time and does a GPA below 2.0 to be in good standing serve the students well in the longer term)
- Exceptions to restrictions related to the final instructional days (giving a quiz during this time in Spring 2017)
- Academic standing related to doctoral students (at what point may a School or College take action if a student is not making progress toward degree; how are students warned about this)
- Use of Incomplete grades in lab sciences (how can this be managed given limited space in labs, if lab work needs to be made up)
- Incomplete grades (further guidance for faculty on the appropriate use of this grade)
- Student absence in class due to medical issues (documenting expectations of students, health center staff, and faculty)
- Adding an “IJ” grade to the grading system policy (IJ – Incomplete Judicial, used when an allegation of academic integrity is under investigation)
- Institute Approved Absence policy (recommendations from the Student Academic and Financial Affairs Committee on making it clearer who is responsible for what and when)
- Change of major policy in Music Technology

Actions Taken

Votes were taken on the following proposals:

- Change in Class Attendance policy, adding a new section to address how students, health center, and faculty should handle absences from class due to medical issues
- Class Auditing Policy, adding language to address GT faculty or staff sitting in on classes
- Change in Course Requirements Policy, syllabus, returning performance feedback to students within deadlines

- Leave of Absence policy, adding a new section on Leave of Absence to the Withdrawal from School and Readmission policy
- Readmission policy, readmission not guaranteed, Schools/Colleges must recommend for approval, readmission policy supersedes change of major policy, students may not use readmission to override change of major restrictions, clarification of language related to students on academic warning or probation
- Leave of Absence Policy, change in language as recommended by the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid and the Bursar (related to effective date and Title IV funding)
- Incomplete grades, more guidance for faculty
- Addition of an “IJ” grade, a new version of an Incomplete grade, indicates that an investigation into a possible academic integrity violation is in progress, need to distinguish this from the standard Incomplete grade
- Academic Standing policy, adding a new section on Satisfactory Academic Progress Toward Degree Completion, addresses multiple term withdrawals and requires students, each term, to complete degree applicable coursework
- Class attendance, changing language under Part B to state the students who are absent due to attendance at professional conferences may request an excused absence
- Institute Approved Absences, language added to outline student, course instructor, and faculty/staff sponsor responsibilities, partly to ensure that requests are submitted in a timely manner

Submitted by,
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Chair, Student Regulations Committee, 2016-2017