

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
AGENDA FOR THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING
February 29, 2012
Robinson Hall B113, 3:00 – 4:15 p.m..

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of the Minutes of February 1, 2012

III. Announcements

Rector Volgenau

Dean Shirley Travis, College of Health and Human Services

Dean Lloyd Griffiths, Volgenau School of Engineering

Response to Inquiry about “Free Speech Policy”

ATTACHMENT A

Faculty Senators invited to meet President-Elect Cabrera March 7, 2012

IV. New Business – Committee Reports

A. Senate Standing Committees

Executive Committee

Resolution of Appreciation to Rector Volgenau

Academic Policies

Student Senate's Resolution to Change Add/Drop Date

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Budget & Resources

Faculty Matters

Nominations

Linda Monson (CVPA) is nominated to fill a vacancy on the Academic Appeals Committee for Spring, 2012.

Organization & Operations

Allocation of Senate Seats 2012-13

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B. Other Committees

Academic Initiatives Committee

Recommendation to the Faculty Senate on the Songdo Korea Initiative

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GMU Korea Campus Initiative Report – February 2, 2012

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Office of Global and International Strategies

V. Other New Business

Resolution on the Presidential Search Process will be included on the next Faculty Senate meeting agenda (March 28, 2012)

VI. Remarks for the Good of the General Faculty

VII. Adjournment

ATTACHMENT A

In response to an inquiry about the status of a “free speech policy”, Chief of Staff Tom Hennessey responded on February 20, 2012:

“After much discussion and rumination, I offer the following in response to your request:

There is no, and likely will be no "speech policy" at Mason. Protected speech is permitted anywhere within and without the confines of the "educational enclave" so long as it does not interfere with the educational mission of the institution. Within the "educational enclave" a major effort to eliminate any policy that restricts protected speech has culminated in the elimination of multiple policies within the Housing and Residence Life offices, the Student Centers, and elsewhere.

The "Space Use Regulation" is intended to provide the necessary guidelines for the use of university space and may, incidentally, address speech issues but only to the extent to which protected speech is facilitated, not restricted. For example, were a demonstration to be scheduled on campus the space use policy provides a location where the demonstrators and counter demonstrators might be so as to not interfere with the educational mission of the institution.”

ATTACHMENT B

A Resolution to Change the Add/Drop Date Policy of George Mason University

R. #5

32nd STUDENT SENATE1st Session

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A Resolution to Change the Add/Drop Date Policy of George Mason University

**IN THE STUDENT SENATE OF
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY October 06, 2011**

Submitted By Chairman Short

Resolution #5

A Resolution to Change the Add/Drop Date Policy of George Mason University

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of George Mason University-Whereas, The Add/Drop Date of George Mason University was changed during the Spring Semester 2011 by the Faculty Senate; and

Whereas, The arguments used for changing the Add/Drop Date were as follows:

- 1) If there are two weeks to add classes, then the first week students might not show up.*
- 2) The teachers cannot begin grading the class until after two weeks, as opposed to one week, condensing the semester from fourteen weeks to twelve weeks in reality.*
- 3) If not enough students are signed up for the class, a class isn't "made." Requiring students to add within one week, as opposed to two weeks, removes the threat that a teacher may lose a class.*

Whereas, The Student Government nor the Student Body were consulted on this issue during the Spring Semester 2011 or at any point during the discussion; and

Whereas, Student Government has received several emails and complaints concerning this change and how it has not allowed Students the time needed to make their schedule correctly for their major's requirements.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Student Senate of George Mason University supports having a two week add/drop period and request that the discussion on the Add/Drop Date be restarted with students allowed to debate and give input in the discussion; and

Therefore be it further resolved, that the Add/Drop Date shall be genuinely reconsidered by the Faculty Senate after the Student Body are given a chance to give their opinions and input into the debate surrounding the Add/Drop Date.

Passed the Student Senate: _____

Attest:

_____ Speaker: Tommy Lee
Clerk: Elizabeth Baires

President: Allyson Bowers

ATTACHMENT C

From: Star Muir, Chair, Organization and Operations Committee, Mason Faculty Senate
Subject: Apportionment of Senate Seats for 2012-2013
Date: February 20, 2012

Process: The Senate Charter, in Section 1.B., provides the rules for apportioning Senators among the academic units. The Committee on Operations and Organization is charged with performing the calculations and determining the allocation of Senate seats.

Summary of Results: The details of the calculations are provided on the attached chart. Here is a summary of the results:

- The College of Humanities and Social Sciences loses one Senator, moving from seventeen Senators in 2011-2012 to sixteen Senators in 2012-2013.
- The Volgenau School for Engineering gains one Senator, moving from five Senators in 2011-2012 to six Senators in 2012-2013.
- The allocation of Senators to all other academic units remains unchanged.
- As in the previous year, ICAR (now the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution) and the Krasnow Institute individually do not meet the threshold requirement as defined in Section I.B.1. of the Charter. Thus, they are pooled into a single collegiate unit for the purposes of allocating Senate seats. The result is that SCAR and Krasnow together are represented by one Senator.

Data: As in previous years, these results are based on Instructional Faculty FTE data provided by Institutional Research and Reporting. Thanks go to Dr. Kris Smith, Associate Provost for IRR, and Mr. John Dooris, Institutional Research Analyst, who were instrumental in providing the data. The Senate Charter reads "The number of senators representing each collegiate unit... shall be determined... based on the [FTE size] on February 1st of each year...." The data used in the calculations are the official census data as of Fall 2011. These are the latest official Instructional Faculty FTE data that were available on February 1, 2012.

Faculty Senate Draft Bid Allocation for 2012-2013

Academic Unit	Status	Instructional Faculty		Research Faculty	
		2011 HC	2011 FTE	2011 HC	2011 FTE
College of Education and Human Development	Full Time	121	121.0	5	5.0
	Part Time	214	60.7	1	0.8
	Total	335	181.7	6	5.8
College of Health and Human Services	Full Time	79	79.0	9	9.0
	Part Time	109	38.8	1	0.4
	Total	188	117.8	10	9.4
College of Humanities and Social Sciences	Full Time	373	373.0	30	30.0
	Part Time	288	117.8	9	7.1
	Total	661	490.8	39	37.1
College of Science	Full Time	187	187.0	90	90.0
	Part Time	64	21.8	9	2.9
	Total	251	208.8	99	92.9
College of Visual and Performing Arts	Full Time	66	66.0	1	1.0
	Part Time	81	33.3	0	0.0
	Total	147	99.3	1	1.0
School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution	Full Time	20	20.0	2	2.0
	Part Time	15	4.1	2	1.4
	Total	35	24.1	4	3.4
Krasnow Institute	Full Time	9	9.0	13	13.0
	Part Time	0	0.0	2	0.8
	Total	9	9.0	15	13.8
School of Management	Full Time	79	79.0	0	0.0
	Part Time	49	17.3	0	0.0
	Total	128	96.3	0	0.0
School of Law	Full Time	36	36.0	12	12.0
	Part Time	75	20.8	1	0.9
	Total	111	56.8	13	12.9
School of Public Policy	Full Time	45	45.0	9	9.0
	Part Time	19	5.5	2	1.0
	Total	64	50.5	11	10.0
Volgenau School of Engineering	Full Time	125	125.0	20	20.0
	Part Time	143	48.5	13	7.5
	Total	268	173.5	33	27.5
Academic Unit Total	Full Time	1140	1140.0	191	191.0
	Part Time	1057	368.6	40	22.7
	Total	2197	1508.6	231	213.7

Academic Unit	% of total Instructional FTE	x50	2011-12 Allocation	2012-13 Allocation	Change
College of Education and Human Development	0.12	6.02	6	6	0
College of Health and Human Services	0.08	3.91	4	4	0
College of Humanities and Social Sciences	0.33	16.27	17	16	-1
College of Science	0.14	6.92	7	7	0
College of Visual and Performing Arts	0.07	3.29	3	3	0
School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution	0.02	0.80	1	1	0
Krasnow Institute	0.01	0.30	0	0	0
School of Management	0.06	3.19	3	3	0
School of Law	0.04	1.88	2	2	0
School of Public Policy	0.05	1.67	2	2	0
Volgenau School of Engineering	0.12	5.75	5	6	1
Academic Unit Total	1.00	50.00	50	50	0

ATTACHMENT D

Academic Initiatives Committee Recommendation to the Faculty Senate on the Songdo Korea Initiative is posted on the Faculty Senate website at

[http://www.gmu.edu/resources/facstaff/senate/MINUTES_FS_2011-12/AIC Recommendation to the Faculty Senate Regarding the Songdo Korea Initiative February 2012.pdf](http://www.gmu.edu/resources/facstaff/senate/MINUTES_FS_2011-12/AIC_Recommendation_to_the_Faculty_Senate_Regarding_the_Songdo_Korea_Initiative_February_2012.pdf) .

ATTACHMENT E

GMU Korea Campus Initiative Report – February 2, 2012 from the Office of Global and International Strategies is posted on the Faculty Senate website at

[http://www.gmu.edu/resources/facstaff/senate/MINUTES_FS_2011-12/GMU Korea Campus Initiative Final Draft 2.2.12.pdf](http://www.gmu.edu/resources/facstaff/senate/MINUTES_FS_2011-12/GMU_Korea_Campus_Initiative_Final_Draft_2.2.12.pdf) .