

**GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
AGENDA FOR THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2016
Robinson Hall B113, 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.**

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of the Minutes of October 5, 2016

III. Announcements

Provost Wu

Senior VP Davis

IV. Committee Reports

A. Senate Standing Committees

Executive Committee

Academic Policies

[Attachment A](#)

The committee recommends approval of minor modifications to the University Catalog: AP.3.9 Grade Appeals

Budget and Resources

Faculty Matters

Nominations

Ad Hoc Institutional Conflict of Interest Policy Committee

Organization and Operations

Newly Proposed Research Advisory Committee

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B. Other Committees/Faculty Representatives

V. New Business

A. Online Course Evaluations – Dr. Kumar Raghuraman, Associate Provost for Institutional Research and Assessment

[Link to Slides](#)

VI. Remarks for the Good of the General Faculty

VII. Adjournment

Attachment A

The Academic Polices Committee recommends approval of minor modifications to the University Catalog: AP.3.9 Grade Appeals posted on the Faculty Senate website at http://www.gmu.edu/resources/facstaff/senate/MINUTES_FS_2016-17/grade-appeal%20revision-3.pdf .

Attachment B

DRAFT MOTION TO CREATE THE “RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE” AS A NEW UNIVERSITY STANDING COMMITTEE

Background George Mason University is Virginia’s largest public research university. Research is a key focus of its strategic plan and associated 10-year goals. In the last year, George Mason was also moved into the “Highest Research Activity” classifications, becoming one 115 universities in that top ranking.

Despite the clear and increasing importance of research at George Mason, there is currently no group of faculty devoted to considering and providing input on issues related to research at George Mason. The new VP of Research, Deborah Crawford, has indicated a desire for greater and more systematic faculty input on issues related to research. Given that research is anticipated to be a major focus of the University in the foreseeable future, there is a need for an established, continuing committee to fulfill this purpose.

Therefore, it is moved that:

Motion

- 1) The Faculty Senate create a new University Standing Committee entitled “Research Advisory Committee.”
- 2) The composition of the committee will include five tenure-line faculty members (at least one of whom is a Faculty Senator) elected by the Faculty Senate. These faculty members should represent a minimum of three different colleges/schools, with **at least two faculty** members at the level of Professor and at least two faculty members at the level of Associate Professor. These five elected members will serve staggered 3-year terms. Finally, the committee will include one ex-officio member, who is one of the two faculty representatives to the BOV Research committee.
- 3) The charge of the committee will be: “To work in concert with the Office of Research and its subsidiary offices (e.g., Office of Research Integrity and Assurance, Office of Sponsored Programs), as well as the Associate Vice President for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, in shaping the research initiatives and policies of the university. The committee will serve in an advisory capacity to the Vice President of Research, the Associate Vice President for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and associated offices. In this role, the committee will meet at least twice per semester with the Vice President of Research, and as needed with other individuals and offices. The committee will provide a report on its activities to the Faculty Senate at least annually.”