

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**

Committee on General University Policy

**GP.08.05 Annual Report for 2007-2008**  
(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. The following report summarizes the activities of GUP during the 2007-2008 academic year. GUP met seven times (September 5, October 3, December 5, January 31, February 28, March 13, and April 10).

**Items that have been under active consideration this year (2007-08):**

**GP.05.02 Campus Master Plan**

Because the Campus Master Plan is not overseen by any Senate committee, GUP invited Kevin Duff for an update on its implementation. As Manager of University Planning and Design in the Office for Facilities Planning and Programs he gave a thorough briefing using an oversized map of the campus.

**GP.07.05 Policy on Conflicts of Commitment and Interest**

This item was concluded by presenting suggested revisions made by last year's GUP to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC). The SEC discussed and made some changes and forwarded the suggested revisions to the university committee revising the policy.

**GP.07.04 Multi-Year Contracts Policy and Implementation**

Ongoing refinements of this policy, applicable to certain non-tenure system faculty, were shepherded through last academic year by Richard Schacht, chair of last year's GUP. The policy was formally adopted for the UIUC campus at the April 28, 2008 Senate meeting. GUP expresses its thanks to Prof. Schacht for his considerable time and effort. Implementation of this new policy will be monitored by GUP.

**GP.08.01 Orchard Downs Redevelopment**

A meeting with Fred Coleman, Director of Capital Development for Orchard Downs was scheduled for November 7, 2008. He canceled via email the afternoon before, citing the nature of the process and on-going work. GUP plans to invite him again at some future meeting.

**GP.08.02 Response to the Recommendations of the Sixth Senate Review Commission**

GUP strongly supported three recommendations from the SSRC: (i) retaining emeritus faculty in the Senate, (ii) continuing to have the Chancellor moderate the Senate meetings, and (iii) electing academic professionals to the Senate. For (iii) GUP proposed that eligibility be the same as for membership in the Council of Academic Professionals. GUP recommendations and suggestions were forwarded to the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Procedures to draft a proposal for Senate action.

**GP.08.03 Possible Change in Campus Student E-Mail Services**

Possible outsourcing of student email accounts was discussed with two members of Campus Information Technologies and Educational Services (CITES): Randy Cetin, Director of Systems and Technology Services, and Kelly Bridgewater, Customer Service Coordinator. The need to retain faculty/staff email on campus was noted, but the email interaction between faculty/staff and students was identified as a concern.

CITES will hold a series of informed focus groups to discuss this outsourcing. GUP plans to invited CITES back for future discussion.

**GP.08.04 Process for Policies**

Sally Jackson, UIUC Chief Information Officer, met with GUP to bring this issue to our attention and gain our support and feedback. It grew out of questions in the Senate Committee on Information Technology (IT) concerning procedures for approval of new campus policies and how existing policies are codified and made accessible. Prussing raised the issue in a SEC meeting and received a positive response. Associate Provosts Jackson and Livingstone (GUP member) also raised the issue in a Provost's Cabinet meeting and received a positive response for them to begin working on procedures. The IT committee is formulating a procedure for its own policies.

**Items that are being monitored by the committee:**

- GP.01.01 UI-Integrate (UI<sup>2</sup>)**
- GP.02.01 UIUCnet Funding Plan**
- GP.05.02 Campus Master Plan**
- GP.06.01 Reporting of Fraudulent Activities**
- GP.06.02 Strategic Plan**
- GP.06.03 Research Board**
- GP.07.02 Global Campus**
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