

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**

Committee on General University Policy  
**GP.17.02 Annual Report for 2016-2017**  
(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 2016-2017 academic year. GUP met ten times (September 1, September 29, October 27, November 17, December 8, January 19, February 23, March 13, April 13, and May 4). More detailed information is provided in the minutes of those meetings.

**Items that were under active consideration this year (2016-17):**

**GP.17.01      General University Policy Committee Proposal to Revise the Joint Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Licensing and Investment**

GUP proposed adding the review of naming rights to the scope of responsibility for the Joint Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Licensing and Investment and worked with the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures to propose the appropriate revisions of the *Senate Bylaws*.

**Campus Statement on Research Ethics**

GUP worked with Peter Schiffer, Vice Chancellor for Research, to develop a statement on research ethics that may provide the basis for a system-wide statement, proposed by President Killeen.

**Statement on Administrative Hiring Practices**

GUP continued to work with the Office of the Provost and Campus Human Resources to develop guidelines regarding when senior administrative searches require a full search process, when that process can be expedited, and how long interim officers should serve before requiring a permanent search.

**General University Policy Committee Statement on Campus Financial Support for Athletics**

GUP worked with the Director of the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics (DIA) to ensure that there is follow-through on the elimination of campus-funded tuition and fee waivers for student athletes. DIA will now pick up these costs.

**Statement in Support of the Investment, Performance, and Accountability Commitment (IPAC)**

GUP was tasked by the Senate Executive Committee to draft a statement of campus support for President Killeen's "compact with the State." The statement was approved by the Senate and forwarded to the University Senates Conference.

### **Guidelines for Senate Meetings**

GUP developed a series of proposals for ensuring that Senate meetings run smoothly, align with the *Senate Bylaws*, and provide an opportunity for open discussion of Senate issues. These recommendations were forwarded to the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures.

### **GUP Statement on the Mascot**

GUP wrote to Chancellor Jones and met with him to raise its concerns that the “vacuum” caused by having no campus symbol or mascot has created an environment that keeps the Chief Illiniwek imagery alive. GUP favors movement that continues the initiatives of Interim Chancellor Barbara Wilson and the vote of the Student Senate.

### **Faculty Resource Guide**

GUP has begun work on collating all the sections of various documents that address the issue of faculty rights and responsibilities. The goal is to develop a single site from which faculty can find these materials, and to address potential areas of faculty rights and responsibilities that might need clarification. This project will carry over to next year.

### **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**
- Administrative Hiring Practices**
- Criminal Background Check Policy**
- Tenure Review Processes**

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