**SAPC notes from Agenda
January 10th, 2025
Teams meeting**

* Approve the agenda and the minutes- Yes
* Old business? hub meeting waiting on confirmation elsewhere before we schedule.
* SGA update- Axel- Title IX process updates. Working Relationships with city on variety of issues. Updates to come.
* New business
	+ Student Housing\*- Director Larry, and Resident- Lori Burns, and Dr. Madler. Address- housing shortage. Feb 7. Matt- what percentage can we house on campus? 2250 beds- Sarah on campus. First year required. Returning to live on campus on availability. Matt tax assessments going up. Rental properties agreement? Students that do not have ability to change houses creates academic stress. Sarah- we have resolved all roommate issues so far. Ashley says Lori puts pause on requests at first, then they accommodate. They have a process so far, all accommodated. Amelia: subsidized faculty housing? Faculty children stay at home easier process- Bryan. Faculty searches earlier- we all agree. Axel faculty should not have priority over staff for subsidized university housing. Axel Not seen huge problem in housing, works for housing. We agree earlier faculty searches will help.
	+ Plagiarism\*\* Mehrnaz- process for faculty or student? Some Faculty did not know that students can appeal. Sarah is confused about conduct code coordinating with academic policy. Is this in our area? Axel we are here to protect students right to appeal, the rest not in our area. All agree this may not be our committee’s responsibility.
* Adjourn- 2:31 adjournment. Waiting to hear from guest about if next meeting is in person meeting and where that will be, or if we will be on teams. Next meeting Friday February 7 at 2 PM, location or online TBA.

Attendance and emails below:

**Attendance**:

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|  **Members                                                                 “P” denotes Present,  “A” denotes Absent,   “R” denotes Regrets** |
| Amy Pinney | P | Matthew Milnes-P |  |
| Amelia Malcom | P  | Sarah Whatley P |  |
| Bryan Hall | P | Axel Hawkins-P |  |
| Amy Vander Groef | R | Eryn Viscarra- P |  |
| Ashley Copeland | P | Ezra Ryall- R |  |
| Mehrnaz Hedayati |  P |   |  |
| Izzy Elizabeth Willingham | R |   |  |
| Guests:  |

**\*Student Housing**

**From:** Hedwig Fraunhofer <hedwig.fraunhofer@gcsu.edu>
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 3, 2024 8:02 AM
**To:** Amy Pinney <amy.pinney@gcsu.edu>
**Cc:** Diana DiazGomez <diana.diazgomez@gcsu.edu>; Axel Hawkins <axel.hawkins@bobcats.gcsu.edu>
**Subject:** SAPC

Dear Amy--

I am writing to you in your capacity as Chair of the U Senate's subcommittee on Student Affairs. One of my departmental colleagues, Dr. Diana Diaz Gomez (cc-ed here), yesterday relayed to me her students' concerns about current and future housing shortages here in town as the University is attracting and admitting record numbers of students. She reports that landlords are currently pressuring tenants to sign leases already for the coming academic year. Rents are being increased substantially, at rates higher than inflation, i.e. at rates higher than might be justifiable by increases in landlord expenses. We are concerned about the affordability of housing for our students and junior faculty.

Given the shortage of housing, students also report having to share available university housing with substantially higher numbers of roommates. They report being denied the option to change housing when conflicts with roommates cause them undue stress, impacting student psychological wellness and academic success.

I realize how fortunate GCSU has been to attract such a great number of students and how hard the members of our Admissions Office have worked to ensure this success. The continuity of faculty and staff positions at the University depends on student enrollment. What we are apparently faced with, however, seems to be price gouging on the part of landlords. While I am sure that the current housing shortages are also overwhelming for our University Housing team, the University might also want to review current policies on responding to student requests to change roommates.

I thank Dr. Diaz Gomez for bringing these important issues to our attention.

Cc: Axel Hawkins, President, Student Government Association

         Diana Diaz Gomez, Department of World Languages & Cultures

Hedwig Fraunhofer, Ph.D. (she/her) (I have Hedy’s permission to share)

**\*\*Plagiarism**

Dear Amy,

I had a question pop up in APC. We’re going to be harmonizing the academic dishonesty components of the Bobcat Code with the current academic dishonesty policy, and Nancy Mizelle was wondering about other aspects of the Bobcat Code and Student Affairs:

* “How do faculty learn about their part in this process?  When a student petitioned a faculty decision, I have had faculty push back as if they did not know the student had the right to petition or as if they did not want to be bothered with the petition.  Maybe this isn’t part of our charge, but I thought it might relate.”

To Nancy’s point, I couldn’t find a thing (on a first glance) in our academic policies regarding student petitions or honor code violations pertaining to academic dishonesty and other classroom-driven situations. Just thought that might be something in your committee’s purview worth exploring, just to clarify for profs and staff members outside of Student Affairs.

Andrew J. Allen, DMA