

ANNUAL REPORT

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

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I. Executive Summary

The committee met to address presented issues and concerns, with recommendations reported to the SGEC. The Provost was present for meetings. See details as noted below.

II. The Committee's Charge (from the Shared Governance Document)

1. To originate, review, recommend, and report in the following areas: Academic and/or Student Affairs policies and issues as received from the SGEC and Student recruitment, retention, and admissions
2. To communicate its deliberations and findings through the Provost & VPAA to the President, and after discussion with the President, to the university community.
3. To handle any proposals the committee may make affective university policy according to section C.2 "Shared Governance Procedure for Policy Change Recommendations"
4. To submit a final written report electronically by the first day of the fall semester to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs with a copy sent to the Chair of the SGEC

III. The Committee met on the following dates:

August 30, 2024; September 24, 2024; January 28, 2025; February 25, 2025; April 22, 2025

IV. What were the Committee's actions and accomplishments this year relative to each of the items of the charge?

The committee reviewed and approved reviewed revisions to the Interim Free Speech and Assembly Policy. At the request of SGEC, the committee reviewed the committee charge and membership make-up and reported findings back to SGEC. The committee heavily discussed the issue of requiring the ACT/SAT as part of admission criteria for the University. This discussion spanned the February and April meetings. These were all in alignment of the committee charges noted above.

V. What were the Committee's formal recommendations?

The committee supported the change in the Interim Free Speech and Assembly as proposed to the committee. After much research and discussion, the committee elected to not recommend reverting back to requiring incoming students to submit the ACT/SAT scores at this time, but did recommend that the University continue to evaluate this issue by creating a workgroup that consisted of 10 members represented constituents across the affected disciplines/areas. This recommendation was sent to SGEC.

VI. What does the Committee plan to accomplish?

A. In the coming year?

The committee will continue to evaluate issues as noted in the committee charge. The committee also anticipates recommendations for change of the committee charge and membership from the SGEC's evaluation of shared governance committees across UNA.

B. In future years?

Continued evaluation of the committee charge and effectiveness within Shared Governance at UNA.

VII. What are the Committee's weaknesses?

Large committee with approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ of the membership being non-voting, by position appointments. This makes assembly of the committee difficult as well as obtaining a quorum for voting.

A. What can the Shared Governance Committee help you do to address the weaknesses?

Provide recommendations and potential revisions for the committee membership; ensuring that all needed areas have representation.

VIII. Comments

No additional comments.