

Academic Affairs Committee Annual Report 2019-2020
Co-Chairs: John Vincent and Andre Denham

- Co-chairs meet multiple times with the SGA Academic Affairs Committee to determine common issues for combined efforts from both groups.
- Reviewed a document generated in the College of Education entitled "Proposal-Implementation Guidelines for the Promotion of --- Renewable Contract Faculty in the College of Education" pointing out items in conflict with the faculty handbook and suggesting revised language
- In response to a request from the Provost, the Committee reviewed proposed syllabi templates for graduate independent study courses, including dissertation and thesis research courses.
- Met multiple times with a representative of the graduate council to work out language to the faculty handbook to allow for faculty who were not full members of the graduate faculty to direct graduate projects.
- Met with John Wingard, Asst. Dean for Student Services, A&S and members of his staff to discuss double-dipping policy in regard to counting courses towards multiple majors/minors.
- Met with Dean Halbesleben, College of Continuing Studies to discuss how funds for faculty from other colleges teaching courses in continuing studies are distributed.
- Proposed changes to faculty handbook in regard to whether tenured associate professors applying for promotion to full professor have the requirements grandfathered. The change is still being negotiated with the Council of Deans. Discussed and did not recommend changes to the faculty handbook in regard to chairs adding material to tenure and promotion dossiers.
- Recommended rejection of a resolution from SGA proposing job interview excused class absences.
- Provided feedback on the +/- grading system for the provost.
- Recommended pregnancy policy and religious holiday policy be added to the undergraduate and graduate catalogs.
- Co-chairs approved the membership of the Curriculum Oversight Committee.
- Examined issues of course credit hours allowed under out-of-state scholarships and excused absences and the excused absence policy in general. No changes were suggested.
- For Provost Han examined the potential of altering P/F policy for spring 2020 in response to COVID-19.
- Made recommendations for tenure-clock extensions in regards to COVID-19 for provost.