

SECTION 3, COMPREHENSIVE STANDARD 3.7.5

The institution publishes policies on the responsibility and authority of faculty in academic and governance matters.

JUDGMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Compliant

Partially Compliant

Noncompliant

RATIONALE FOR JUDGMENT OF COMPLIANCE

North Georgia College & State University (NGCSU) states in its *Statutes* [1, Article XXII, p. 27] that the faculty has “the power to initiate proposals that concern the well-being and effective functioning of the University and to recommend the formation of faculty committees. Faculty motions and resolutions shall be referred to the appropriate authority for disposition according to the provisions of these statutes and regulations of the Board of Regents.” Furthermore, the NGCSU Faculty Senate identifies its purposes in Article II of its Bylaws [2] as being “to provide a systematic means of recommending policy matters to the President and to the Faculty” and to “serve as the mechanism for shared governance at the University and shall be the body to which the statutory, standing, and special committees of the Senate shall report.” Therefore, although it is clear that the President, Chancellor, and the Board of Regents have final authority for implementing policies of the institution, faculty members are actively and importantly involved in this process, particularly through the Faculty Senate.

As mentioned above, the Faculty Senate appoints committees to address its mission. The following standing committees and their purposes are identified in the Senate Bylaws (Article VII) [3].

Academic Activities Committee, whose purpose is to review and formulate academic policies that affect undergraduate instruction.

Academic Advisement Committee, whose purpose is to recommend policies and procedures related to the academic advisement programs of the University.

Academic Integrity Council, whose purpose is to uphold regulations regarding academic integrity.

Academic Review Committee, whose purpose is to review the records of students whose academic performance indicates weakness.

Admissions Committee, whose purpose is to review applications and recommend acceptance or rejection for admission to the University.

Athletics Committee, whose purpose is to review proposals relating to either the intercollegiate or intramural athletic programs of the University.

Committee on Committees, whose purpose is to recommend to the Faculty Senate the appointment of faculty members to all standing committees and to the offices of Parliamentarian and Secretary to the Faculty.

Discipline Committee, whose purpose is to determine if a student has violated University policies or regulations and to recommend appropriate discipline when deemed necessary.

Faculty Affairs Committee, whose purpose is to review policies affecting faculty welfare.

Graduate Council, whose purpose is to guide the direction of the graduate program of the University.

Grievance Committee, whose purpose is to address grievances by individual Faculty members with the exception of salary and tenure/promotion issues.

Health Committee, whose purpose is to recommend policies concerning student health services as well as matters related to the general health and safety of the University community.

Instructional Technology Committee, whose purpose is to review and formulate recommendations related to Instructional Technology issues for the University.

Library Committee, whose purpose is to make recommendations on all matters relevant to the maintenance of an effective library program.

Military Committee, whose purpose is to consider all aspects of the military program of the University and make recommendations regarding that program.

Minority Achievement Program Committee, whose purpose is to assist in the planning, implementation, evaluation, and modification of MAP related activities, programs, and services.

Publications Committee, whose purpose is to monitor the operation of all approved student publications.

Student Aid Committee, whose purpose is to recommend policies on all student aid matters.

Student Honor Committee, whose purpose is to recommend procedures for the awarding of academic honors.

Student Life Committee, whose purpose is to establish and enforce the guidelines regarding student activities.

All of these committees have faculty representation as specified in Article VII of the Senate Bylaws [4] and submit recommendations to the Faculty Senate, as well as to designated academic and administrative officers of the University. Two of these committees, the Academic Activities Committee and the Graduate Council, represent the highest-level academic advisory groups at the University and their input is required before new academic programs can be approved or substantial modifications made to existing programs. The Committee on Committees, in accordance with procedures described in the Senate Bylaws, solicits nominations for faculty membership on University committees and makes such appointments.

Document Reference:

Number	DB Num	Document Title	Resource
1		NGCSU Statutes, Article XXII	http://www.ngcsu.edu/Resource/irp/Statutes.pdf , p. 27 of PDF.
2		Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article II	http://www.ngcsu.edu/academic/senate/Bylaws/Bylaws_Rev_10-13-05.htm
3, 4		Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article VII	http://www.ngcsu.edu/academic/senate/Bylaws/Bylaws_Rev_10-13-05.htm