

Global Campus Senate Advisory Committee (GCSAC)

According to our Faculty Bylaws: *At times, ad hoc committees may be created to explore, define, and/or address issues of immediate concern to the faculty. If it is an ad hoc committee of the General Faculty, then the Chair of the Faculty shall appoint its members. If it is an ad hoc committee of the Faculty Senate, then the Vice Chair of the Faculty shall appoint its members. The appointment of ad hoc committee members shall be done by the Chair or Vice Chair only after consultation with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, from names suggested by the Nominating Committee or by other members of the General Faculty. Ad hoc committee charges will contain a duration and reporting date, as specified in the Constitution, Article VII, Section 5.*

Committee Membership will be established through a nomination process in the Senate (self-nomination, or nomination of others) and in consultation with faculty members of Senate Executive Committee. A list will be generated by the Vice Chair of the Faculty and voted on by the Senate Executive Committee.

This is a temporary Ad Hoc Senate Committee established through Senate Resolution *Documentation and Due Diligence on the Ashford University Deal*, August 17, 2020. Members are tasked with **understanding** all aspects of the Ashford acquisition, **educating** the Senate/faculty on their findings, and **advising** senior leadership on behalf of Senate and faculty stakeholders across our campus.

Members of GCSAC will work collaboratively with administrators to clarify the following:

- a review of the Ashford deal against needs for adapted business models in higher ed, including the rationale, and faculty involvement in pursuing the deal
- plans for how the UArizona Global Campus will be established and governed
- relationships between UArizona (especially Arizona Online) and Global Campus
- liabilities and exposure to legal, financial, and ethical risks, including damage to UArizona's reputation and rankings
- potential /actual effects on academics and operations, including but not limited to revenue and cost/financial implications for UArizona, recruitment, hiring, retention, and salary of faculty and staff; recruitment, retention and graduation rates of students, particularly BIPOC, active military/veterans, international

GCSAC will report back to Senate monthly for the remainder of the 2020 calendar year. GCSAC will also provide advice and guidance to administrators regarding any Ashford-related decisions or plans that directly and significantly impact faculty to ensure as much as possible that decisions are made in collaboration with faculty using the principles of shared governance and shared leadership, as outlined in our Memorandum of Understanding (newly revised, August 2020).

The committee will be established once nominations are collected, and Senate Executive Committee can vote on membership. We anticipate a first meeting in September 2020. Members are expected to meet at minimum for the remainder of 2020, and at maximum, through the end of academic year 2020-21. If GCSAC is still active in May 2021, the committee charge and membership will be reviewed by the Chair/Vice Chair in Summer 2021.