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Question:

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Rationale:

This issue is of general concern for the faculty of Georgia Southern because many faculty are approached for overrides into their courses and would like to have an equitable way of handling such requests.

From a student perspective, it does not seem equitable for a student who has requested a course override at some previous occasion (and been denied by the instructor and/or told to watch for changes in the course's enrollment during add/drop) to be passed over when a College increases the course caps only a few days before classes begin.

SEC Response:

This RFI was directed to the registrar.

update 2/26/2013: the following response was provided by the registrar.

What is the University policy on allowing instructors and/or departments to utilize the automated course waitlists for course registration in Banner / WINGS?

Response: We allow departments to determine which sections will have a waitlist and how many seats will be waitlisted. Not all classes at Georgia Southern University have a waitlist.
An electronic Waitlist is in WINGS registration to allow students to place themselves on a waitlist for critical need courses that are full. This process gives students who need the class the opportunity to be placed in a queue on a first come/first served basis. The waitlist policy can be found at:

http://em.georgiasouthern.edu/registrar/students/policies/

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Response: Of course this varies from semester to semester, but please see the attached summary report of our waitlisted courses from Fall 2012. The report gives a summary by college with distinct counts by CRN and Course.

Senate Response:

3/14/2013: Senate Executive Committee Report: Fred Mynard (COSM), Chair. The RFI on course waitlist utilization was answered by the Registrar and posted with a link to the policy regarding the use of the waitlist, and a spreadsheet showing the number of courses that use such a waitlist in each college. He showed a graph noting the number of sections using a waitlist and the number of sections taught by each college. He noted that the answer to the RFI addressed more specific concerns about how the waitlist is used.
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Distinct Courses: 340

YCC 1200 was used to display the College Description of the course.