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Request for Information

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SHORT TITLE:

(Please provide a short descriptive title.)

University Closure Policy

QUESTION(s):

(Please state your request or requests in question form as concisely as possible.)

Question:


Does the University have a comprehensive closure policy that includes guidelines and involves multiple individual to initiate a closure of the university due to emergency conditions, including those not limited to weather. If not could Faculty Senate discuss this process and possibly appoint an Ad Hoc committee to develop a consistent and coordinated policy, coordinating with the President's cabinet as appropriate.


RATIONALE(s):


(Please explain why this issue is one of general concern for the Faculty Senate or for the University and not a matter concerning only an individual college or administrative area. Please note what other, if any, attempts you have made to garner this information before submitting this request to the Faculty Senate.)


Students, faculty and staff make plans for themselves and their families around the university's schedule. When the university makes decisions further out that necessary regarding schedules that impact the entire Georgia Southern community without taking the subsequent impact of those decisions into consideration, it is possible and appears that decisions are hastily made and actions taken that are not necessary. We are responsible for being here when classes are in session. Canceling classes when there is not likely to be emergency conditions is unfair to students, faculty, and staff as those closures may impact the constituents when they had plans but those plans need to be delayed due to making up time missed on earlier days that were unnecessarily missed.

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SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

10/11/2019



Response:

Approved



Executive Committee Response:

SEC sent this to VP Rob Whitaker. His complete statement is found in the FS Agenda for 12/2/2020, pages 111-112.. DYou can access this agenda on Faculty Senate Website and Digital Commons document <https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/faculty-senate-agenda/18>