

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: GCSAC

DATE: October 5, 2020

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The committee has:

- met three times,
- established a biweekly schedule of regular meetings,
- conducted extensive internal discussion on the scope of our charge,
- begun to analyze the redacted asset sale agreement, strategic services agreement and transition agreement available to the public
- requested documents and submitted queries about the Ashford Acquisition and its projected impact on UA from President Robbins, Provost Folks, Vice Provosts White and Wilson (including a query about the identity of the recently appointed president of UAGC).
- not received any requested documents or answers to our queries as of 10/1/20
- scheduled interviews with Vice Provost Wilson on 10/6/20 to discuss plans for UA Online in light of the Ashford acquisition, and with Provost Folks on 10/13/20 to discuss quality, strategy and governance issues.

GOALS:

Our goals are:

- to get access to and study the documents necessary to understand the deal,
- to meet with Vice Provost Wilson and Provost Folks to discuss specific questions generated by the committee
- possibly to meet also with President Robbins and Vice Provost White and experts if necessary.
- to write an interim report outlining our understanding of the governance and overlap issues, the money flow issues and the quality control issues,
- to communicate our outstanding questions and concerns, and our recommendations to the Senate and the administration.