I.  Call to Order

II.  Approval of the Minutes of September 4, 2019

III. Conversation with Rector Davis

IV.  Unfinished Business
   A. Technology Policy Committee – Annual Report 2018-19
   B. Criminal Background Checks Report
   C. Honor Committee Report

V.  Committee Reports
   A. Senate Standing Committees
      Executive Committee
      Academic Policies
      Budget and Resources
      Faculty Matters
      Nominations
      Organization and Operations
      [Attachment B]
   B. Other Committees/Faculty Representatives
      Mason Core Committee
      Effective Teaching Committee

VI.  New Business

VII. Announcements
    Provost Wu

VIII. Remarks for the Good of the General Faculty

IX.  Adjournment
Honor Code and System Updates 2019-2020 Academic Year

Changes for 2019-2020

- Blackboard site will no longer be accepting referrals. All referrals should be submitted online via our website oai.gmu.edu (select Refer a Case Here) in the menu box)
Changes for 2019-2020

- Classified staff members with Master’s degrees will be eligible to join the Honor Committee. This change was included to acknowledge individuals who have a knowledge base but whose role may not fall under administrative faculty.

- To address concerns with regard to repeat violations not being dealt with appropriately, the code is changing to indicate that suspension will be added to any second violation. A student may choose a sanctions only hearing to see if the committee is willing to remove that sanction as an outcome.

- Decisions during in person hearings will be delivered via email in the letter as opposed to in the hearing. This allows students who may need translation services to fully understand the outcome and process it. This also addresses the concern faculty members had with leaving hearings at the same time as students when hearings may have been contentious.

Changes for 2019-2020

- The Academic Integrity module is available on our website for professor use with courses. It outlines the system at Mason and provides tips for how to avoid concerns. We have a Blackboard version available for students who use Assistive Technology contact our office with the student's name and G number for enrollment.
Changes for 2019-2020

-The Avoiding Plagiarism Seminar has a system update that requires a new token as of June 2019. Please contact our office or Rebecca Hartley in ORIA for more information

Academic Integrity
Attachment B

Academic Policies Committee

Agenda Item for Faculty Senate Meeting, Oct. 2, 2019

**Background:** Many new students are entering the university with credit for AP, IB, and dual-enrollment courses. The current academic standing categories are based on credit levels. Students who bring in such credit (yet are still in first year at Mason) and who do not do well in their first two semesters, can fall into a probationary category given the number of credits they’ve brought in (hence skipping the “warning” phase). When on probation they are not allowed to participate in university-sponsored activities – this has a significant impact on some areas such as athletics, debate, and student government.

This is the current catalog language:

**AP.5.2.3 Student Retention Categories**

Students with at least 7 attempted credits and a cumulative GPA of less than 2.00 fall into one of three categories: warning, probation, and suspension. All notations of academic standing are included in a student's permanent record. The cumulative GPA range that defines each of the categories varies according to the credit level, as noted below:

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**Exception for Freshmen and Transfer Students**

Freshmen and transfer students in their first semester of study at Mason will receive probation as the strongest academic sanction. GPA retention levels, as stated above, will apply in all subsequent semesters. Students in this category should be on notice that they must improve their academic record to avoid suspension in future semesters; in particular they should consult their advisors and consider repeating courses to achieve academic good standing.

**Motion:**

The Academic Policies Committee recommends the catalog language be changed to read (changes in underlined italics):

Students with at least 7 **attempted** credits **completed at Mason** and a cumulative GPA of less than 2.00 fall into one of three categories: warning, probation, and suspension. All notations of academic standing are included in a student's permanent record. **Students who plan to apply for financial aid should review the requirements for making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), as found on the Financial Aid website, which differ from Academic Standing.** The cumulative GPA range that defines each of the categories varies according to the credit level, as noted below: