

Hello Chairs and Senators,

We hope this first day of class goes wonderfully for you all. We wanted to take a moment to share an ARC update:

We thank you for continuing to provide feedback to ARC about our process and any concerns you have. We've heard you and want to continue to make the process better and more focused. In our meeting on Friday, we made the following plans:

1. ARC will spend the next few weeks objectively defining each guiding principle that the Senate and Chair groups came to consensus on when we began this process. We will draft a criteria-based rubric that can be used to assess our current department structure. We will then seek feedback on this from Faculty Chairs and Senators (please see the timeline below).
2. ARC is inviting the Deans to sit with us to share their insights at each meeting. It's clear the support and information the Deans can provide is crucial.
3. After each meeting, ARC will provide a high level overview of our meeting. This information will be posted on the ARC website.
4. ARC has created a detailed timeline for this semester. Please find key dates below:

Date	Task
February 12, 2026	Guiding Principles Rubric shared to Faculty Chairs/ Senators
February 19, 2026	Feedback meeting re: Guiding Principles Rubric with ARC and Chairs/Senators
March 5, 2026	ARC will critically review the rubric based on faculty leadership feedback
March 9, 2026	Revised Guiding Principles Rubric shared to GCC Campus
March 23- April 24, 2026	ARC will review GCC's Academic Affairs organizational structure using the Guiding Principles Rubric to create preliminary recommendations and share with impacted department chairs
April 24, 2026	Preliminary recommendations shared to all Faculty Chairs/ Senators

April 30, 2026	Presentation of preliminary recommendations to Chairs/Senators with question/answer period and feedback collection
May 4, 2026	Town Hall for GCC's Campus presenting preliminary recommendations with question/answer period and feedback collection

Thank you for your patience, as this process has been cumbersome and lengthy. We hope this helps to provide transparency and communication. As always, please reach out to ARC's Co-Chairs, Kim Feld or Karina Sokol, with any questions or concerns.