OWG 22-1 University Policy Mergers and Handbooks Approved Recommendations

1. Recommend that, as OWGs develop and merge policies and procedures for the consolidated Georgia Southern University, those policies and procedures should be similarly formatted pursuant to the current Georgia Southern University policy template, and include.

2. Recommends that if there is an approved policy and/or procedure(s) for the consolidated Georgia Southern University, then it/they should be followed and supersede(s) all previous applicable policy(ies) and procedure(s).

3. Recommend that if a new policy and/or procedure(s) for the consolidated Georgia Southern University has/have not been approved, then the prior Georgia Southern University policy and procedure(s) on that topic should be followed.

4. Recommend that where it is necessary or beneficial to modify prior policies pending the development of a final policy for the consolidated Georgia Southern University, each Vice-President and Presidential direct report has the authority to issue written guidance interpreting, amending, or modifying prior policies from either institution in his/her area of responsibility. All such guidance must be reviewed and approved by the President of the consolidated Georgia Southern University.

Any amendments or modifications to policies and procedures pursuant to this authority shall be considered interim changes and will be reviewed as soon as possible by the applicable consolidated Georgia Southern University administrator or governing body in order to finalize a policy for the consolidated Georgia Southern University. The authority to create interim changes shall remain in effect until July 1, 2018.

5. Recommend that the prior Georgia Southern University procedures relating to the Georgia Open Records Act, as overseen by the Office of Legal Affairs, be approved for the consolidated Georgia Southern University.

6. Recommend that Armstrong’s and Georgia Southern’s respective policies for the formation and implementation of university policies be reviewed and merged into a single policy for the consolidated Georgia Southern University.

7. Recommend that the prior Georgia Southern University statutes be adopted for the consolidated Georgia Southern University, pending revisions to update organizational structure and the preamble of the consolidated Georgia Southern University referencing the consolidation with Armstrong State University.