

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE
January 17, 2013

PRESENT: Senate members: Paul Alberto, Amber Amari, JoAnn Bacon, Pam Barr, Tim Bartness, Dawn Baunach, Mark Becker, Perry Binder, Gary Bingham, Faye Borthick, Jacobus Boers, Deron Boyles, Michelle Brattain, Elisabeth Burgess, Brendan Calandra, Allison Calhoun-Brown, Debby Cannon, David Cheshier, Lisa Cranwell-Bruce, Chris Connelly, Harry Dangel, Kim Darnell, Dan Deocampo, Charles Derby, Vedica Eastman, Michael Eriksen, Mary Finn, Laura Fredrick, Peggy Gallagher, Gerald Gay, Mark Geil, Stuart Gerber, Morna Gerrard, Charles Gilbreath, Maria Gindhart, Jeffrey Glover, Lynda Goodfellow, Audrey Goodman, Skye Hardesty, Steve Harmon, Brenna Helmstutler, Kerry Heyward, Christian Hill, Kevin Hsieh, Miriam Jackson, Olga Jarrett, Jennifer Jones, Paul Katz, Jodi Kaufmann, Marcus Kernizan, Umama Kibria, Peter Lindsay, Greg Lisby, Leigh Anne Liu, William Long, Peter Lyons, Adriana Macchione, Leslie Marsh, Walter Massey, Kathryn McClymond, Mike Metzler, Risa Palm, Chester Phillips, Bruce Pilling, Jason Plemmons, Jerry Rackliffe, George Rainbolt, Vincent Rehder, Don Reitzes, Tim Renick, Ed Rigdon, Brandon Roberts, Mary Ann Romski, Stephen Rosner, Vjollca Sadiraj, Shari Schwartz, Nan Seamans, Rose Sevcik, Christine Skwiot, Mary Stuckey, Andy Sumner, Cherian Thachenkary, Brian Thoms, Jowanna Tillman, Gertrude Tinker-Sachs, Volkan Topalli, Kris Varjas, Mary Beth Walker, Bill Walsh, Michael Weeks, Sara Weigle, Dan Weiskopf, Marta White, Katherine Willoughby, Peggy Wilmoth.

Guests: Lynda Brown Wright.

ORDER: The chair, President Mark Becker, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 18, 2012 Senate meeting were approved with no changes.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: President Becker mentioned the Centennial celebration with more information to be found at www.100.gsu.edu. He stated that some offices have already moved into the former Sun Trust Building which is now called "25 Park Place". The former Atlanta Life Company will now be called "100 Auburn Avenue". The Welcome Center will move to the first floor and the Honors College will occupy the second floor of that building. The legislative session has begun and it will probably be a long session. Among the issues covered during this session will be Georgia's budget, ethics legislation, tax reform, and guns on campus.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Executive Committee recommends a "do pass" on the following agenda items:

1. **Global Fellows Program** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This motion is part of the effort to globalize GSU's curriculum and to encourage GSU students to have a global perspective. The question was called and the motion passed.
2. **Hardship Withdrawals** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This policy will now be called "Emergency Withdrawals". Submission deadlines have been changed from one to two years. An emergency withdrawal cannot be awarded after graduation. Friendly amendments were accepted: change "hardship" to "emergency" at bottom of page one; delete the sentence beginning with "The Dean of Students will copy..." from the Emergency Withdrawal Process section; change "...will be "heard" by the President to will be "considered" by the President at the bottom of page 3. The question was called and the motion passed.
3. **Admission to Upper-Division in Journalism and Film** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This motion seeks to reduce the number of students that are in the relevant major without being able to take courses in that major. All 3000-4000 level Film/Video and Journalism courses will now require students to have an overall GSU Institutional GPA of 2.5 prior to enrollment. The question was called and the motion passed.
4. **Modify the Admissions Requirements to the Nursing Program** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This motion will reduce the number of students eligible to apply to the Nursing degree program. The program can accommodate only a limited number of students each year. One friendly amendment was accepted: change "Division of Nursing" to "School of Nursing" in the text of the motion. The question was called and the motion passed.
5. **Exercise Science Upper-Division Requirements** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This motion will require students to take KH 2220 and 2230 and make a "C" and to earn a GPA of 2.5 or higher in these two courses before being eligible to take upper-level KH courses. The question was called and the motion passed.
6. **Transient Credit** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. The current policy regarding transient credit is repealed and replaced by this motion. It will reduce administrative barriers to

transient credit and will facilitate graduation. The question was called and the motion passed.

7. **Massive Open Online Courses** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. These courses are entirely online and open to anyone. No University-level policies preclude units from granting credits for MOOC's. A friendly amended was approved to add: "The granting of credit for MOOC's is governed by existing policies regarding the awarding of GSU credit for courses not taken at GSU (Section 1320 of the Catalog)" to the text of the motion. The question was called and the motion passed.
8. **Graduate Faculty Membership** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; David Cheshier, chair. These guidelines describe the general criteria and procedures for the appointment of members to the Graduate Research Faculty and the Graduate Professional Faculty. The question was called and the motion passed.
9. **Change Text in Senate Bylaws, Article VII** presented by the Univ. Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; Greg Lisby, chair. The changes are being made to reflect administrator title changes. The question was called and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive (Don Reitzes, chair): The committee met to approve today's agenda. The University System of Georgia Faculty Council (USGFC) met on the GSU campus in October.

Academic Programs (Sara Weigle, chair): The committee has met once. It approved a joint JD/MPH degree program, numerous dual degree programs in Arts and Sciences, and the review process for interdisciplinary programs was approved.

Admissions and Standards (George Rainbolt, chair): The committee has met twice since the last Senate meeting. Besides approving today's agenda items, it continues to work on a variety of issues that will be coming before the Senate in the near future including the city scholars program, continuing GPA work, and updating the core curriculum transfer guide.

Athletics (Kris Varjas, chair): The committee has met once and finally finished the gender equity plan for athletes. The committee will now monitor the plan. A survey concluded that students are interested in adding swimming and diving as a sport. Sand volleyball will be starting this semester.

Budget (Volkan Topalli for Lesley Reid, chair): The committee has met once since the last Senate meeting. A BoR staff representative came to the meeting and gave an overview of the BoR benefits strategic plan. The benefits sub-committee is working on a hybrid TRS/ORP plan. Other issues being reviewed are domestic partner benefits and salary compression.

Commencement (Mark Becker, chair): The committee has not met since the December commencement. Graduates who are veterans will now wear cords as part of their regalia.

Cultural Diversity (Elizabeth West, chair): No report.

Faculty Affairs (David Cheshier, chair): The committee has met once. In addition to completing the work on today's motion on graduate faculty membership, subcommittees are working on several items: gender equity remediation, revision of the Faculty Handbook, spousal and partner benefits, and a promotion and tenure manual for non-tenure track faculty.

FACP (Risa Palm, chair): The committee has not met since the last Senate meeting.

IS&T (Steve Harmon, chair): The committee has met once. It is monitoring the rollout of Desire2Learn. The tech fee process will be changing.

Library (Deron Boyles, chair): A joint sub-committee (with the Research Committee) will be exploring the publishing of scholarly work.

Planning and Development (P.C. Tai, chair): No report.

Research (Rose Sevcik, chair): The committee has met twice. It has been working on graduate recruitment funding models and it has met with Dean Seamans regarding open access publishing. A joint sub-committee has been formed with the Library Committee.

Student Discipline (Marta White, chair): The committee has had 4 hearings since the last Senate meeting. All of the cases were about plagiarism.

Student Life and Development (Elisabeth Burgess, chair): The committee has met once. It has approved 14 student organization charters. A subcommittee has been working on issues regarding the general code of conduct.

Sustainability (Jeffrey Glover for Dabney Dixon, chair): The committee has met twice and is reviewing ways to reduce utility usage and on campus recycling efforts.

University Statutes and Senate Bylaws (Greg Lisby, chair): The committee met once and is working on a few issues that that will be coming up at future Senate meetings.

SPEAKER: Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness Peter Lyons outlined the organizational structure, timeline, and committee charges for completion of the SACS 5-year interim report. It will be virtual rather than having a site team visit. Areas for close attention include the CTW Quality Enhancement Plan, student learning outcomes, faculty qualifications, and distance education. The CTW QEP component must address what was done, what was learned, what changes were made to improve performance, etc.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate