

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE
March 15, 2012

PRESENT: Senate members: Peggy Albers, Paul Alberto, Amber Amari, JoAnn Bacon, Pam Barr, Tim Bartness, Mark Becker, Jacobus Boers, Faye Borthick, Deron Boyles, Michelle Brattain, Fred Brooks, Elisabeth Burgess, Laura Burtle, Brendan Calandra, Allison Calhoun-Brown, Debby Cannon, David Caudill, David Cheshier, Tricia Clayton, Chris Connelly, Sara Cook, Doug Covey, Lisa Cranwell-Bruce, Julie Dangel, Harry Dangel, John Decker, Michael Decker, Cheryl Delk-LeGood, Monica Diaz, Dabney Dixon, John Duffield, Irene Duhaime, James Dutton, Richard Fendler, Laura Fredrick, Christos Galileas, Peggy Gallagher, Vijay Ganji, MaryAnne Gaunt, Mark Geil, Jeffrey Glover, Audrey Goodman, Brenna Helmstutler, Kerry Heyward, DeAnna Hines, Hugh Hudson, Fenwick Huss, Jan Ivery, Miriam Jackson, Olga Jarrett, Jennifer Jones, Paul Katz, Jodi Kaufmann, Chris Kocela, Nancy Kropf, Greg Lisby, Peter Lyons, Carrie Manning, Steve Manson, Leslie Marsh, Walter Massey, Frances McCarty, Kathryn McClymond, John Medlock, Richard Miller, Siva Nathan, Deirdre Oakley, Risa Palm, Dominic Parrott, Chester Phillips, George Pierce, Bruce Pilling, Cora Presley, Jeff Pruett, Jeff Qin, Jerry Rackliffe, Mike Raderstorf, George Rainbolt, Lesley Reid, Don Reitzes, Tim Renick, Ed Rigdon, Nancy Jo Schafer, Shari Schwartz, Nan Seamans, Rose Sevcik, Sarah Steiner, Mary Stuckey, Andy Sumner, P.C. Tai, Brian Thoms, Liz Throop, Jowanna Tillman, Gertrude Tinker-Sachs, Volkan Topalli, Winnie Tsang-Kosma, Kris Varjas, Tai Wang, Michael Weeks, Elizabeth West, Marta White, Katherine Willoughby, Peggy Wilmoth, Maryann Wysor. **Guests:** Julie Bannerman, Crystal Clark, Kristen Johnston, Robin Kemp, Peter Lindsay, Julia Perilla, T. Squire, Jeffrey Young.

ORDER: The chair, President Mark Becker, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 19, 2012 Senate meeting were approved with no changes.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: President Becker mentioned that three of GSU's graduate programs were in the top ten in the recently released national rankings. He and the Provost have hosted discussions and forums regarding the coming changes in higher education. A feasibility study is being done to determine if the Athletic program should move to another conference. The growth and success of the program can't be done entirely with student fees. The legislature has seven working days left in this session.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

1. **RCB Upper-Division Admissions Requirements** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This motion defines the eligibility requirements necessary to enroll in upper-division RCB courses. The question was called. The motion passed.
2. **Amend the Senate Bylaws, Article VIII: Committees** presented by the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; John Duffield, chair. Dr. Duffield moved a friendly amendment: to delete references to the Counseling and Testing Center on Senate Committees since there are no longer any faculty affiliated with that unit. The amendment was seconded and approved. The changes proposed will update titles and add the Institute of Public Health to Senate committee membership. The question was called and the motion passed.
3. **Motion to Petition the USG Chancellor re: Undocumented Students** presented by the Student Life and Development Committee; Elisabeth Burgess, chair. This motion states that a letter be sent to USG Chancellor Hank Huckaby on behalf of the University Senate expressing opposition to policies excluding undocumented students from Georgia universities and college. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

The chair reviewed the three information items that were included in the Senators' packets.

SPEAKER: Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Innovation, Robin Morris, gave an update on the Strategic Plan. Handouts were given to the Senators as they entered the meeting. Dr. Morris gave an overview of each goal and the progress that has been made thus far. After the presentation, President Becker stated that it was very encouraging to see all of the progress that has been made on the Strategic Plan this past year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Executive (Paul Alberto, chair): Dr. Alberto stated that there are about four or five ad hoc committees working on various issues at present. He gave an overview of one particular committee, the ad hoc committee on graduate faculty status, and stated the goals and objectives of this committee.
- Academic Programs (Michelle Brattain for Sara Weigle, chair): The committee met once and approved several changes in graduate programs in the College of Education. The committee is considering changes to the membership of Undergraduate and Graduate Assessment Committees to accommodate recent changes in college structures and a definition of "global competence."
- Admissions and Standards (George Rainbolt, chair): The committee has met and approved the items on today's agenda. There is a sub-committee working on a parallel motion to today's approved motion for Exercise Science and Film and Journalism regarding upper-division admission requirements.
- Athletics (Kris Varjas, chair): The committee has met once and continues to work on gender equity issues for athletes. Some changes to the Senate Bylaws have been approved and the committee continues to have a great working relationship with the Athletics Department.
- Budget (Katherine Willoughby, chair): The committee has met twice. Several subcommittees are working on a variety of topics. A report on procedures to evaluate and approve GSU facilities repairs, renovations, and allocations has been completed and will be posted on the Budget Committee web site very soon.
- Commencement (Mark Becker, chair): The committee met once to prepare for the Spring commencement on May 6. The speaker will be Vicki Escarra, President and CEO of Feeding America, and GSU alum. Discussion is still ongoing about the best date to hold the Fall Ph.D. hooding ceremony, considering the availability of the Rialto and musicians as well as when the majority of candidates defend their dissertations.
- Cultural Diversity (Peggy Albers for Julie Ancis, chair): The committee met once and will meet 3/22. A draft of the pipeline proposal for underrepresented minority Ph.D. students has been finalized. This is also known as the Provost Diversity Fellows Program. A sub-committee has been convened for the next Racial/Ethnic Climate Survey.
- Faculty Affairs (David Cheshier, chair): The committee has met twice. Dr. Cheshier explained the information item in the Senators' packets regarding the language revision in the recently passed P&T manual. Several committee members are working on the various ad hoc committees that have been formulated recently.
- FACP (Risa Palm, chair): The committee has met once. It reviewed and approved proposal from the Sustainability Committee regarding an Office of Sustainability. This office would report to the Senior VP for Finance and Administration. The committee has also been considering FY13 funding proposals.
- IS&T (Brendan Calandra, chair): The 2012-13 tech fee distribution committee held its planning meeting. The full IS&T committee has been meeting monthly. GSU will begin its transition to Desire2Learn in Fall 2012 and will go live January 2013..
- Library (Deron Boyles, chair): The committee has met twice. It is still waiting for the verdict in the copyright lawsuit. At one meeting Provost Palm discussed the change in the reporting structure for the library. The policy regarding theses and dissertations being submitted to the digital archives was approved and will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for review.
- Planning and Development (P.C. Tai, chair): The committee has not met since the last Senate meeting. It has been meeting via email regarding campus safety issues.
- Research (Rose Sevcik, chair): The committee has met twice. The joint sub-committee (with the Budget Committee) on funding models for doctoral programs has released a survey. The committee is working to finalize issues regarding research centers. Several committee members are on the ad hoc committee for indirect cost recovery.
- Student Discipline (Marta White, chair): The committee has had 5 hearings since the last Senate meeting. The committee is working with Athletics Department and the Athletics Committee on issues of academic honesty and student athletes.

Student Life and Development (Elisabeth Burgess, chair): The committee has met twice. Dr. Burgess thanked all who assisted this committee on getting the proposal on undocumented students approved today. A sub-committee is working on revisions to the Student Code of Conduct and six student organizational charters were approved.

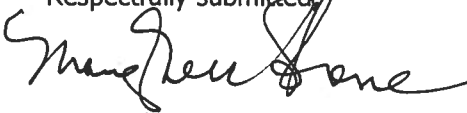
Sustainability (Dabney Dixon, chair): The committee met twice. The committee forwarded a proposal recommending a GSU Office of Sustainability to the Executive Committee. FACP will review this proposal and it's hoped that it will come before the full Senate at the next meeting. The committee has also been in consultation with the Development Office.

University Statutes and Senate Bylaws (John Duffield, chair): The committee met once to finalize today's agenda item. There are a few issues that the committee will be working on in the upcoming Senate year.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Nell Stone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "M".

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate