

Senate Executive Committee

March 6, 2012

MINUTES

ATTENDEES: President Becker, Provost Palm, Paul Alberto, Kristine Varjas, Don Reitzes, Rose Sevcik, Siva Nathan

I. Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2012 – The minutes were approved.

II. President's Report

- The Immigration Bill passed out of the Senate which bans all institutions in the State of Georgia from admitting undocumented students
- The Guns on Campus bill is still in Committee.
- The budget passed out of the House and formula funding is still intact.
- The Law School was not funded in this capital budget, but should be in the FY14 budget.
- The final report from the consultant for the capital campaign is due out in June.
- The men's basketball team will probably play in a post season tournament.
- A feasibility study is being done to determine if the Athletic program should move to another conference. However the growth and success of the program can't be done entirely with student fees. Additional funding for athletic programs would have to come from other sources, e.g. "money games."

III. Provost's Report

- The new 2CI Awards have been announced and six proposals were funded.
- The first faculty fellowship has been awarded.
- A program to develop hybrid courses in order to be more flexible in course offerings will be available soon.
- To encourage innovation, ipads are being offered to faculty who submit ideas on how the ipad can be used in productive instructional ways.
- The Honors College is working with Athletics to identify freshman students who could be competitive for the Rhodes scholarship program.

IV. Senate Business

A. Committee on Admissions and Standards

1. Motion re: Repeat to Replace of Quarter courses (information item) The motion passed and placed on the Senate agenda.
2. Motion on Academic Honesty and GP Grades (information item) The motion passed and placed on the Senate agenda.
3. Motion re: RCB Upper-division Admissions Requirements – The motion was passed and placed on the Senate agenda.

- B. Committee on University Statutes and Senate Bylaws
 - 1. Amend the Senate *Bylaws* of the University Senate, Article VIII to revise the list of colleges and schools represented on Committees. The motion was passed and placed on the Senate agenda.

- B. Committee on Sustainability
 - 1. Proposal for an Office of Sustainability at GSU – The motion was discussed favorably and sent to FACP for review.

- C. Committee on Student Life and Development
 - 1. Motion to Petition the USG Chancellor re: Undocumented Students – The motion and letter were passed and placed on the Senate agenda.

- D. Committee on Faculty Affairs
 - 1. Motion to Revise Language in P&T Manual (information item). The motion was passed and placed on the Senate agenda.
 - 2. Motion to Distinguish between Faculty Evaluators in and out of the Unit on Administrator Evaluations (*to be sent via email prior to meeting*) (information item). The motion was passed.

- E. 2012-2013 Nominations Committee was approved.

- F. Tuition Exchange – The University Attorney will consult with the Board of Regents to determine their view on such a proposal.

- G. It was noted that the policy in place for tenure clock stoppage 2009 is Interim and needs to be made permanent. It was also suggested that the faculty may still not be aware of the policy and HR needs to include it in discussions on Family Leave and make it a part of new faculty orientation.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.