

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE
October 10, 2013

PRESENT: Senate members: Amber Amari, JoAnn Bacon, Pam Barr, Dawn Baunach, Mark Becker, Diane Belcher, Larry Berman, Vladimir Bondarenko, Faye Borthick, Camryn Bradley, Michelle Brattain, Lynda Brown Wright, Elisabeth Burgess, Allison Calhoun-Brown, Debby Cannon, Kevin Chappell, David Cheshier, Jennifer Chiovaro, Chris Connelly, Sarah Cook, Gennady Cymbalyuk, Mourad Dakhli, Harry Dangel, Dan Deocampo, Cheryl Delk-LeGood, Monica Diaz, , Fernando Doria, John Duffield, Irene Duhaime, Vedica Eastman, Ashley Epperson, Michael Eriksen, Richard Fendler, Laura Fredrick, Patrick Freer, Shelby Frost, Peggy Gallagher, MaryAnne Gaunt, Gerry Gay, Stuart Gerber, Maria Gindhart, Lynda Goodfellow, Baotong Gu, Joseph Hacker, Skye Hardesty, Steve Harmon, Kerry Heyward, Joe Hurley, Sheri Joseph, Paul Katz, Janelle Kerlin, Jamika King, Katie Kurumada, Tyler Lewis, Shelley Linens, Greg Lisby, Peter Lyons, AmenRa Mackey, Leslie Marsh, Walter Massey, Marian Meyers, Siva Nathan, Risa Palm, Dominic Parrott, Catherine Perkins, Chester Phillips, George Pierce, Jerry Rackliffe, George Rainbolt, Vincent Rehder, Lesley Reid, Don Reitzes, Tim Renick, Johnnae Roberts, Mary Ann Ronski, Laura Salazar, Shari Schwartz, Lionel Scott, Rose Sevcik, Caroline Sullivan, Keith Sumas, Tammy Sugarman, Yuki Takatori, Ellen Taylor, Melissa Taylor, Volkan Topalli, Bethany Turner, William Walsh, David Washburn, Michael Weeks, Sara Weigle, Dan Weiskopf, Marta White, Andrew Whyte, Shelly-Ann Williams, Peggy Wilmoth, Yali Zhao, Alan Ziobrowski.

Guests: Michael Galchinsky, Carmen Newton, and Rebecca Stout.

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

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 18, 2013 Senate meeting were approved with no changes.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: President Becker summarized his recent State of the University address for the Senate. It has been an outstanding year for GSU: record for freshman applications this year, record for enrollment this fall, and graduation rates have increased 30% over the last 5 years. Retention rates are at an all time high. Fundraising for this past year set a record. He reported on other GSU milestones. Several new initiatives have gotten underway. He talked about the new funding formula and the serious issue of no raises for faculty and staff since 2008.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

1. **Motion to Amend the April 18, 2013 Nominations Report** presented by the Nominations Committee; Shelby Frost, chair. This addendum reflects the student appointments and any turnover in administrators and faculty since the April report was approved. George Rainbolt made a friendly amendment, substituting Dominique Hadley for Andrew Whyte on the Planning and Development Committee. The friendly amendment was accepted. The question was called and the motion passed.
2. **Motion to Accept the APR report** presented by the Academic Programs Committee; Michelle Brattain, chair. This motion was presented for approved. APRC will work with CAP and AP Lyons on the final self-study template. The question was called and the motion passed.
3. **Motion to Approve the Promotion Manual for NTT Faculty** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; David Cheshier, chair. Dr. Cheshier thanked all who were instrumental in getting this manual to this point. He reviewed and explained the rationale for this motion. The question was called and the motion passed.
4. **Proposal to Amend the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws re: School of Public Health** presented by the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; Greg Lisby,

chair. This motion amends the reference to the "Institute of Public Health" to the "School of Public Health" in the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws. The question was called and the motion passed.

5. **Proposal to Amend the University Statutes re: Counseling Center** presented by the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; Greg Lisby, chair. This motion corrects an administrative title and deletes references to the Counseling Center as a unit of GSU.
6. **Proposal to Amend the University Statutes re: Cultural Diversity Committee** presented by the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; Greg Lisby, chair: This motion reflects changes requested by the Cultural Diversity Committee in membership. The question was called. The motion passed.
7. **Proposal to the Senate Bylaws re: Planning and Development Committee** presented by the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; Greg Lisby, chair. This motion reflects changes requested by the Planning and Development Committee in membership and duties. The question was called and the motion passed.
8. **Amend Policy/Procedures for Student Complaints, Petitions for Policy Waivers/ Variances, and Appeals** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; Sara Weigle; chair. The changes aren't particularly substantive but changes in titles, policy names, and department names. The question was called and the motion passed.
9. **Motion to Amend the Upper Division Admission Requirements in CRJ** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; Sara Weigle; chair: Concern regarding gpa requirements will be better served by mandatory advisement rather than gpa restrictions. The question was called and the motion passed.
10. **Motion to Change Eligibility Requirements for Psychology Majors** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; Sara Weigle, chair. This will introduce a filter at an earlier state in a student's pursuit of a degree in psychology. The question was called and the motion passed.

Information item: Report on the Administration of Graduate Programs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive (Don Reitzes, chair): The committee met once and approve the items on today's agenda.

Academic Programs (Michelle Brattain, chair): The committee has met five times. Various certificates and degree program changes were approved. It has approved two new degree programs and reviewed the two proposals presented at today's meeting.

Admissions and Standards (Sara Weigle, chair): The committee has met twice. In addition to today's agenda items, there are subcommittees looking at the summer calendar and the academic honesty policy.

Athletics (George Pierce for Kris Varjas, chair): The committee met once. The transition to the Sun Belt Conference is going well. New locker rooms have been opened for men and women's soccer and basketball. A new sporting policy is in place for the student athletes.

Budget (Lesley Reid, chair): The committee has met three times. There are two new subcommittees: 1) examining trends in graduate enrollment as they effect the University budget and 2) graduate student fee structure. Two ongoing subcommittees are looking at 1) trends in our faculty

salaries, and 2) a hybrid retirement plan.

Commencement (Mark Becker, chair): The committee has not met yet this semester.

Cultural Diversity (Monica Diaz, chair): The committee has met twice. New initiatives include: reviewing the student evaluations of faculty, reviewing the diversity strategic plan, and reviewing academic programs with regards to diversity.

Faculty Affairs (David Cheshier, chair): The committee has met twice. Besides approving the NTT manual that was on today's agenda; subcommittees are looking at student and faculty morale, revising the administrator evaluations, and working with Cultural Diversity and Budget on their initiatives.

FACP (Risa Palm chair): FACP has met twice to review enrollment and revenue figures for the Summer and Fall. It has approved the proposal that \$1.7 million held in the Provost Office pending fall semester revenues could be released for the purposes of graduate assistant health insurance and faculty and staff moral initiatives.

IS&T (Steve Harmon, chair): The committee has met twice and worked primarily with the student tech fee. Funds will be allocated at an upcoming meeting.

Library (Joe Hacker, chair): The committee has met twice. Discussions included the renaming of the digital archives scholar works, CURV (collaborative university research visualization) project in Library South, and the \$35 student fee for library upgrades.

Planning and Development (George Rainbolt, chair): P&D has met twice. Subcommittees are looking at the MRR and CBSAC sub-committees membership and a faculty/staff dining club.

Research (Rose Sevcik, chair): The committee has met three times. It has worked with URSA staff to make changes to the internal grants program and also reviewed policies on controlled substances and minors in labs. It formed an *ad hoc* committee to look at the international travel policy to countries with state department travel restrictions and has worked with the library committee on issues involving scholarship publications.

Student Discipline (Marta White, chair): The committee has met 26 times: 3 general conduct cases and the rest dealt with academic dishonesty.

Student Life and Development (Elisabeth Burgess, chair): It has met once and approved 13 charters for new student organizations and 1 re-chartering of an organization. It is reviewing its section of the Senate *Bylaws*. VP Covey gave a presentation on the changes to the student affairs division.

Sustainability (Vincent Rehder for Dabney Dixon, chair): Patti Stilson has been named the interim Director of Sustainability and Michael Black has been named the Faculty Associate for Sustainability. The committee is working on a strategic plan for sustainability.

University Statutes and Senate Bylaws (Greg Lisby, chair): The committee has met twice and approved the items on today's agenda. It is also looking into best practices at peer institutions regarding statutes and bylaws.

SPEAKER: Steve Harmon, chair of the Instructional Technology Division, gave a presentation on how technology is transforming the landscape of learning.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate