

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE
October 9, 2014

PRESENT: Senate members: Paul Alberto, Amber Amari, JoAnn Bacon, Dawn Baunach, Mark Becker, Dan Benardot, Larry Berman, Gary Bingham, Michelle Brattain, Lynda Brown-Wright, Elisabeth Burgess, Brendon Calandra, Allison Calhoun-Brown, Jennifer Chiovaro, Brennan Collins, Doug Covey, Joan Cranford, Genady Cymtalyck, Mourad Dakhli, Cheryl Delk-LeGood, Fernando Doria, Irene Duhaime, Michael Eriksen, Jennifer Esposito, Richard Fendler, Chris Fenn, Gladys Francis, Laura Fredrick, Patrick Freer, Peggy Gallagher, Gerald Gay, Charles Gilbreath, Lynda Goodfellow, Audrey Goodman, Paula Gordon, Martin Grace, Harley Granville, Oliver Greene, Baotong Gu, Joseph Hacker, Steve Harmon, Lanier Henson, Kerry Heyward, Kevin Hsieh, Miles Irving, Sheri Joseph, Paul Katz, Janelle Kerlin, Larry Kiage, Brian Kooy, Katie Kurumada, Shelley Linens, Greg Lisby, Jun Liu, Peter Lyons, Walter Massey, Kathryn McClymond, John Medlock, Marian Meyers, Robert Moore, Kris Niedringhaus, Sarah Pallas, Risa Palm, Ed Palmer, Joseph Peragino, Unil Perera, Catherine Perkins, Chester Phillips, Jerry Rackliffe, George Rainbolt, Bala Ramesh, Vincent Rehder, Don Reitzes, Tim Renick, Mary Ann Romski, Stephen Rosner, Vjollca Sadiraj, Laura Salazar, Shari Schwartz, Rose Sevcik, Lionel Scott, Faye Stewart, Julie Stoverink, Mary Stuckey, Tammy Sugarman, Keith Sumas, Mandy Swygart-Hobaugh, Cherian Thachenkary, Brian Thoms, Christina Tice, Jowanna Tillman, Volkan Topalli, Bethany Turner, Kris Varjas, Wendy Venet, Mary Beth Walker, Barbara Warner, David Washburn, Sara Weigle, Marta White, Russel White, Shelly-Ann Williams, Peggy Wilmoth, Yali Zhao.

Guests: J. Aaron Poolel, Averil Smith, Rebecca Stout, Victoria Voelkel-Sanders.

ORDER: The chair, President Mark Becker, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 17, 2014 Senate meeting were approved with no changes.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: President Becker announced that enrollment is strong, up by over 400 students from last year. Larger numbers of new freshmen want to live on campus. There's a waiting list of over 800 for housing. For fiscal year 2014, our research funding reached a record of over \$81 million. The portfolio is primarily federal research monies and our largest funder is NIH. GSU raised over \$30 million in private fundraising. In September, GSU participated in the university innovation alliance in Washington D.C. Dr. Becker discussed the alliance in detail. The state of the university address is next week. Homecoming is this week.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

1. **Revise Procedures for the Evaluation of Academic Deans** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Kathryn McClymond, chair. This instrument was revised and updated. The question was called and the motion passed.
2. **Revise Procedures for the Evaluation of Vice President, Vice Provost, and Associate Provosts** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Kathryn McClymond, chair. This instrument combined several administrators into one survey document. The question was called and the motion passed.
3. **Revise Procedures for the Evaluation of the Dean of the Honors College** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Kathryn McClymond, chair. This was created as a new instrument. The question was called and the motion passed.
4. **Revise Procedures for the Evaluation of the Dean of Libraries** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Kathryn McClymond, chair. This instrument was revised and updated. The question was called and the motion passed.

5. **Revise Procedures for the Evaluation of the University President** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Kathryn McClymond, chair. This instrument was revised and updated. The question was called and the motion passed.
6. **Revise Procedures for the Evaluation of the Provost** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Kathryn McClymond, chair. This instrument was revised and updated. The question was called and the motion passed.
7. **Revise the Policy on Student Evaluation of Faculty** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Kathryn McClymond; chair. This instrument was revised at the request of the Cultural Diversity Committee to include the issue of diversity. The question was called and the motion passed.
8. **Addendum to the April 17, 2014 Nominations Report** presented by the Nominations Committee; Don Reitzes for Shelby Frost, chair. The addendum was presented as distributed. The question was called and the motion passed.

Information items:

1. Summary Evaluation Reports for Covey, Massey, Rackliffe, Walker, and Lyons
2. Change to Senate Bylaws Article VII., Committees
3. Allow Catalog Changes to Courses with University-level Designations
4. Report on Faculty/Staff Dining Room
5. Transfer Credit Policy (Awarding of Military Credit)
6. Military Withdrawal

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee (Laura Fredrick, chair): The committee met once to approve today's agenda.

Academic Programs (Michelle Brattain, chair): The committee met three times and approved 2 proposals for new Master's programs as well as other program changes. It approved the information item to allow catalog changes to courses with University-level designations. The APR subcommittee is working on revising the APR template.

Admissions and Standards (Sara Weigle, chair): The committee met twice and approved some of today's information items.

Athletics (Kris Varjas, chair): The committee has met once and is completing the FBS report. This year it will work on Title IX and the issue of sexual violence.

Budget (Cherian Thachenkary, chair): The committee has met twice. It reviewed the University budget with VP Rackliffe and got a preview of the new fringe benefit package for 2015 from Beth Jones. A subcommittee reviewed the student fee structure for graduate students.

Commencement (Mark Becker, chair): The committee has met once. The Fall semester ceremony will be on December 17. We will now lease space in the Georgia World Congress Center on the same day as commencement for college/school convocation and recognition ceremonies. There will be a shuttle service from Turner Field to the Georgia Dome.

Cultural Diversity (Sarah Pallas): The committee has met twice. It reviewed and discussed the student evaluation of faculty instrument and is reviewing the composition of promotion and tenure committees.

Faculty Affairs (Kathryn McClymond, chair): The committee met three times and focused on the items on today's agenda.

FACP (Risa Palm, chair): The committee met once and considered the recommendations from the student technology fee subcommittee.

IS&T (Steve Harmon, chair): The committee met once and reviewed the status of the student technology fee recommendations. It met with the new Chief Technology Officer Dennis Rose. It will review the *Bylaws* and update its membership and charge as needed to reflect the changes in the IS&T division.

Library (Joseph Hacker, chair): The committee met at the grand opening at the Curb Complex at the University Library.

Planning and Development (George Rainbolt, chair): The committee met twice and approved the report on the faculty/staff dining room and received a report on IPORT and dashboard for strategic planning.

Research (Rose Sevcik, chair): The committee met three times. It worked with URSA staff to make some changes to the internal grants program. It reviewed policies on limited submission grant applications. A sub-committee is looking for ways to better identify and track the contributions of multiple investigators on interdisciplinary grants.

Student Discipline (Marta White, chair): The committee met 26 times with the majority of infractions being plagiarism and cheating on exams. The committee did have a few expulsion cases. The committee no longer hears general conduct hearings, only academic infractions.

Student Life and Development (Elisabeth Burgess, chair): The committee met once and approved 10 new student organizations. It is working on Code of Conduct revisions. It will review its charge and membership as listed in the *Bylaws*.

Sustainability (Dabney Dixon, chair): The committee met once and continues to work on the sustainability strategic plan.

Univ. Statutes and Senate Bylaws (Pat Freer, chair): The committee met once to approve the item on today's agenda.

SPEAKER: Vice Provost and Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success Tim Renick gave the Senate an overview and update on student success and graduation rates.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate