

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE
March 12, 2015

PRESENT: Senate members: Amber Amari, Diane Belcher, Larry Berman, Vladimir Bondarenko, Faye Borthick, Michelle Brattain, Fred Brooks, Lynda Brown-Wright, Elisabeth Burgess, Andy Butler, Brendon Calandra, Debby Cannon, Lisa Casanova, David Cheshier, Lindsey Cohen, Sarah Cook, Doug Covey, Cheryl Delk-Le Good, Dabney Dixon, Fernando Doria, Michael Eriksen, Richard Fendler, Laura Fredrick, Shelby Frost, Peggy Gallagher, Gerald Gay, Mark Geil, Charles Gilbreath, Paula Gordon, Oliver Greene, Joseph Hacker, Katherine Hankins, Steve Harmon, Lanier Henson, Julia Hilliard, Joe Hurley, Miles Irving, Amira Jarmakani, Larry Kiage, La Loria Konata, Brian Kooy, Kathryn Kozaitis, Katie Kurumada, Greg Lisby, William Long, Peter Lyons, Carrie Manning, Kathryn McClymond, John Medlock, Sarah Pallas, Risa Palm, Chester Phillips, Richard Phillips, Jerry Rackliffe, George Rainbolt, Vincent Rehder, Don Reitzes, Tim Renick, Ed Rigdon, Andy Roach, Vjolca Sadiraj, Lionel Scott, Karen Simmons, Mary Stuckey, Jelena Subotic, Tammy Sugarman, Caroline Sullivan, Keith Sumas, Brian Thoms, Christina Tice, Jowanna Tillman, Volkan Topalli, Mary Beth Walker, Barbara Warner, David Washburn, Sara Weigle, James Weyhenmeyer, Marta White, Shelly-Ann Williams.

Guests: Lisa Armistead, Justin Brightharp, Dylan Reudiges.

ORDER: The vice chair, Provost Risa Palm, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 22, 2015 Senate meeting were approved with no changes.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: Provost Palm gave an update on the incoming freshman class. It will include the strongest cohort of Presidential Scholarship candidates. GSU is getting an ACE Institutional Transformation Award in Washington D.C. this coming Sunday. This is the second time this award has been given out: Arizona State University got it last year. She also gave an update on the progress of sponsored research: \$66.7 million for this fiscal year. The GSU basketball team has won the Sunbelt Conference.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

- 1.-6. **Revise All Procedures for the Evaluation of Administrators** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Kathryn McClymond, chair. The committee revised the templates for the procedures for all the evaluations and since all the changes were the same for each document, Dr. McClymond made a presentation to cover all six motions. These revisions addressed some gaps in the timing. They covered the provision for folks on leave for 90 days or more and for interim/acting administrators. These revisions eliminated the outside evaluator requirement. The question was called and all motions were passed.
7. **Proposal for Graduate Student Partial Waiver from Mandatory Student Fees** presented by the Budget Committee; Vincent Rehder for Cherian Thachenkary, chair. This will allow graduate students a partial waiver from mandatory student fees when taking only internship, directed study, thesis, practicum, or dissertation hours. The question was called and the motion passed.
8. **Amend the Membership and Charge of the Student Life and Development Committee in the Senate *Bylaws*** presented by the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; Katie Kurumata for Patrick Freer, chair. This will update the text that describes the membership and the duties of this committee. The changes were made to reflect the changes in the Division of Student Affairs and also to be in alignment with comparable

institutions. The question was called and the motion passed.

9. **Add a Non-Voting Member to the Budget Committee** presented by the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; Katie Kurumada for Patrick Freer, chair. This will add the Associate Vice President for Facilities Management as a non-voting member of the committee. The question was called and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Academic Programs (Michelle Brattain, chair): The committee met once and approved several proposals for new programs, concentrations, minors, and graduate degrees.

Admissions and Standards (Sara Weigle, chair): The committee met once. It approved a revised motion on the transient policy and also a motion on the CTW requirement.

Athletics (Fred Brooks for Kris Varjas, chair): The committee has met once. It continues to monitor issues regarding Title IX and sexual assault. It has discussed the possibility of continued training, particularly for athletic coaches and staff, on the issue of sexual assault. There is now a video addressing the issues of sexual assault on the Athletics website.

Budget (Vincent Rehder for Cherian Thachenkary, chair): The committee has met once. It hosted several guest speakers. It also approved two items that are on today's meeting agenda.

Commencement (Risa Palm for Mark Becker, chair): Commencement will be on May 9 at 1:00 p.m. at the Georgia Dome. The Ph.D. hooding ceremony will be May 11 with Walter Thompson as the speaker.

Cultural Diversity (Sarah Pallas): The committee has met twice. It continues to work on issues surrounding the student evaluation of faculty instrument, student comfort with respect to diversity in the classroom, diversity on promotion and tenure committees, and it continues to gather data on faculty diversity at GSU.

Faculty Affairs (Kathryn McClymond, chair): The committee met twice. It approved the items on today's agenda. It is also working on the issue of length of sojourn at the rank of associate professor.

FACP (Risa Palm, chair): The committee met once. Jerry Rackliffe gave a report on the FY2015 revenues. There was discussion regarding the mandatory graduate student fees proposal.

IS&T (Steve Harmon, chair): The committee met twice. It dealt with issues surrounding the student technology fee process. There was some discussion about the consolidation of GPS and GSU IS&T services.

Library (Joseph Hacker, chair): The committee has not met since the last Senate meeting.

Planning and Development (George Rainbolt, chair): The committee met twice. The MRR recommendations passed. There was discussion of building and move updates and of campus safety after the consolidation.

Research (Don Reitzes for Rose Sevcik, chair): The committee met once. It discussed the implementation of IACUC (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee). VP Weyhenmeyer gave an update to the committee on the research division.

Student Discipline (Marta White, chair): The committee met 4 times.

Student Life and Development (Elisabeth Burgess, chair): The committee met once to finalize the changes in its charge and membership as listed in the *Bylaws*. There were some "housekeeping" changes made to the policies listed in the Student Code of Conduct.

Sustainability (Dabney Dixon, chair): The committee met twice. It thanks IS&T for the report on electrical charges. It continues to work on the Sustainability Strategic Plan.

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

SPEAKER: Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness Peter Lyons gave an overview of how the consolidation of GSU and Georgia Perimeter will be conducted.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate