

University Statutes and Bylaws Committee

MINUTES

March 8, 2016

Members Attending: Pat Carter, Debra Denzer, Pat Freer, Lynda Goodfellow, Todd Hendricks, Kerry Heyward, Yi Jiang, Brian Kooy, Adam Stone, Jowanna Tillman, Kelly Timmons, and Emily Whaley.

Members Absent: David Jackson, Greg Lisby, Ed Palmer, Greg Streib, and Monica Swahn.

The chair, Pat Freer, called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. The first item of business was the approval of the November 3, 2015 minutes. The minutes were approved with no changes.

After introductions, Dr. Freer stated that the committee's task was to discuss any other changes that might be needed to the University *Statutes* or Senate *Bylaws*. There were concerns regarding Article VII (Faculty Members) in the University *Statutes*. These were:

- The language in Section 15 concerning "doctoral equivalents"
- A review of the TT, NTT, and PC faculty documents for agreements
- Possible elimination of Sections 13, 18, 19, and 25
- Changes to Sections 23 and 24 to eliminate repetition of BOR policy statements

After some discussion, it was agreed that Dr. Freer would take these concerns to the Faculty Affairs Committee for its review and recommendations.

There was also discussion about the possible consolidation of the GSU Employee Handbook, GSU Faculty Handbook, and the GSU Student Handbook with the Perimeter College equivalents and which offices would oversee these tasks.

Kerry Heyward mentioned that a change we made in Article V of the University *Statutes* is not in alignment with the BOR Policy Manual. The "Chief Financial Officer" and the "Registrar" should be returned to Section 1 (Membership) of that Article. A vote was taken and the committee approved this addition. This will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration.

Since there was no further business, the committee adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee assistant