
Guests: Emily Buis, Joe Fernander, Robin Morris, Jennifer Stephens.

ORDER: The chair, President Mark Becker, called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 19, 2015 Senate meeting was approved with no changes.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: The chair opened his comments by noting the progress made on the five year check of the Strategic Plan. The BoR approved the consolidation of GSU and GPC. Progress on the Turner Field acquisition is moving forward. At present, the high profile issue on campus is campus safety. More officers on the street have been added. Some of these officers are contract security personnel. Long term, GSU will double the size of the GSU police force. There are more than 1,000 security cameras on campus. We are bringing the successful “Crime Stoppers” program to campus, aiming to receive tips before a crime happens. A search for a new Chief of Police is underway. The GSU community should feel safe. The Legislature passed the “campus carry” bill, however it hasn't been signed at this time. There will be no tuition increases for this year. There will be no student fee increases.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Election of the 2016-17 Senate Executive Committee. President Becker opened the floor for nominations. The names were recorded as nominated:
   - Pam Barr, Robinson College of Business
   - Laura Fredrick, College of Education and Human Development
   - Rose Sevcik, College of Arts and Sciences
   - Debra Denzer, Perimeter College
   - Shelby Frost, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies
   - Michelle Brattain, College of Arts and Sciences
   - Kris Varjas, College of Education and Human Development

A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. Since there are seven positions to fill and seven names nominated, the motion was made to approve the slate as nominated. The motion was approved.

B. The following motions are being presented for consideration by the Senate.
The Executive Committee recommends a “do pass” on the following agenda items:

1. Motion from the Univ. Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; Pat Freer, chair.
   Amend Text, University Statutes, Article V.
The Board of Regents identifies the Chief Financial Officer and the Registrar as faculty members. This proposal adds these two positions to this section of the Statutes. The question was called and the motion passed.

2. Motion from the Planning and Development Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. 

**Update of the Strategic Plan**

Dr. Rainbolt acknowledged the hard work of co-chairs Laura Fredrick and Mary Beth Walker on this update. This update maintains the five original goals. For each initiative, progress is briefly described and, in most cases, a modified initiative is presented. In some cases, initiatives are unchanged. In other cases, an initiative is complete and a new initiative is proposed to take its place. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Report from the Nominations Committee Shelby Frost, chair. The report was presented as distributed. The motion to approve was made, seconded, and approved. Dr. Frost made several changes to the report as friendly amendments. The report was approved along with the friendly amendments.

**Information Items:** Summary Reports on the Triennial Evaluations of VP for Public Relations and Marketing Communications; Recommendation from *ad hoc* Distance Education Sub-Committee; List of 2016-17 Faculty Senators to the University Senate; 2016-17 Senate Committee Organizational Meeting Dates.

**SPEAKER:** Director of Athletics, Charlie Cobb, gave an update on the Athletics Department and showed a brief video presentation. He stated that the Department of Athletics’ culture of success consists of: 1) academic achievement; 2) competitive greatness; 3) ethical behavior; 4) social responsibility; and 5) community engagement.

**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