

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE
 April 14, 2016

PRESENT: Senate members: Sonda Abernathy, Lisa Armistead, James Ainsworth, Dawn Aycock, Greta Baldwin Mason, Tamika Barnes, Deborah Baro, Pamela Barr, James Battey, Mark Becker, Larry Berman, Diane Belcher, Kimberly Bennekin, Larry Berman, Faye Borthick, Terry Bozeman, Michael Bradley, Michelle Brattain, Chandra Breaux, Justin Brightharp, Margo Brinton, Elaine Bryan, Anthony Bush, Andrew Butler, Candice Campbell, Ian Campbell, Debby Cannon, Patricia Carter, Lisa Casanova, Yuping Chen, David Cheshier, Jennifer Chiovaro, Eddie Christie, Richard Clement, Debora Constable, Doug Covey, Emily Cowdrick, Kathryn Crowther, Lauren Curtright, Dajun Dai, Mourad Dakhli, Wendy Davidson, Elena del Rio Parra, Debra Denzer, Andrea Dixon, Dabney Dixon, Fernando Doria, Irene Duhaime, Chantee Earl, Jacob English, James Engstrom, Michael Eriksen, Mario Feit, Solomon Fesseha, Rejer Finklin, Charles Fox, Laura Fredrick, Patrick Freer, Shelby Frost, Sergio Gallo, Gerald Gay, Jonathan Gayles, Matt Gayman, Andrew Gewirtz, Chris Goode, Lynda Goodfellow, Paula Gordon, Pamela Gore, Krista Graham, Corey Gray, Harley Granville, Shif Gurm, Linda Harned, Todd Hendricks, Kerry Heyward, John Holman, Ken Johnson, Kenya Johnson, Jennifer Jones, Colleen Joyce, Trisha Karan, Paul Katz, Candice Kemp, Patricia Ketsche, Kathryn Kozaitis, Jacqueline Laures-Gore, Amy Lederberg, JoAnn Lee-Joyner, Greg Lisby, Jonathan Lochamy, Elizabeth Lopez, Marie Sumner Lott, Peter Lyons, Lesley Mackie, Deborah Manson, Walter Massey, Mona Matthews, Teara Mayfield, John Medlock, Kari Miller, Greg Moore, Erin Morrey, Eric Morton, Anita Nucci, Felicia Okaniawon, Ike Okosun, Risa Palm, Kavita Pandit, Joe Patterson, Joe Peragine, Unil Perera, Catherine Perkins, Chester Phillips, Alice Pierce, Jared Poley, Jeffrey Portnoy, Robert Pruenok, Jerry Rackliffe, George Rainbolt, Cherie Rainwater, Bala Ramesh, Sebastian Rand, Vincent Rehder, Susan Richmond, Ed Rigdon, Sally Robertson, Mary Ann Rowski, Erin Ruel, Chip Ryan, Vjollca Sadiraj, Renee Schatteman, Rose Sevcik, William Simson, Bryan Sinclair, Alexandra Smirnova, Shameri Southwell, Ruth Stanford, Jeff Steely, Nick Smith, Michael Stewart, Adam Stone, Mary Stuckey, Jelena Subotic, Keith Sumas, Monica Swahn, Susan Swars, Brent Teasdale, Brian Thoms, Christina Tice, Jowanna Tillman, Claudette Tolson, Volkan Topalli, Akinyele Umoja, Kris Varjas, Wendy Venet, Phil Vertimiglia, Draga Vidakovic, Mary Beth Walker, Ariday Walkes, Teresa Ward, Michael Weeks, Elizabeth West, Emily Whaley, Marta White, Russel White, Jon Wiley, Shelly-Ann Williams, Joanna Wilson, Carol Winkler, Brett Wong, Kevin Yeomans, Marc Zayac.

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. Statues 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