

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE
 October 6, 2016

PRESENT: Senate members: Lisa Armistead, Dawn Aycok, Pamela Barr, James Battey, Mark Becker, Larry Berman, Michael Bradley, Michelle Brattain, Chandra Breaux, Anthony Bush, John Bunting, Ian Campbell, Patricia Carter, Lisa Casanova, David Cheshier, Jennifer Chiovaro, Constance Collier-Mercado, Doug Covey, Emily Cowdrick, Daniel Crimmins, Kathryn Crowther, Gennady Cymbalyuk, Fernando Doria, Michael Eriksen, Solomon Fesseha, Charles Fox, Laura Fredrick, Patrick Freer, Gerald Gay, Jonathan Gayles, Matt Gayman, Maria Gindhart, Chris Goode, Lynda Goodfellow, Paula Gordon, Pamela Gore, Krista Graham, Joseph Hacker, Linda Harned, Todd Hendricks, Kerry Heyward, John Holman, Jennifer Jones, Colleen Joyce, Trisha Kanan, Paul Katz, Candice Kemp, Bob King, Nancy Kropf, Kathryn Kozaitis, Jacqueline Laures-Gore, JoAnn Lee-Joyner, Jill Littrell, Jonathan Lochamy, Ming Luo, Peter Lyons, Carrie Manning, Deborah Manson, Walter Massey, Greg McLean, Kari Miller, Greg Moore, Robert Moore, Eric Morton, Kris Niedringhaus, Anita Nucci, Fortune Onwuzuruike, Sarah Pallas, Risa Palm, Kavita Pandit, DaShaunda Patterson, Joe Patterson, Joe Peragine, Unil Perera, Catherine Perkins, Katherine Perry, Chester Phillips, Jared Poley, George Rainbolt, Cherie Rainwater, Tim Renick, Sally Robertson, Mary Ann Ronski, Erin Ruel, Chip Ryan, Vjolca Sadiraj, Rose Sevcik, Bryan Sinclair, Jeff Steely, Adam Stone, Keith Sumas, Marie Sumner Lott, Susan Swars, Jowanna Tillman, Claudette Tolson, Volkan Topalli, Tejal Vashi, Phil Vertimiglia, Draga Vidakovic, Niklas Vollmer, Mary Beth Walker, Ariday Walkes, Elizabeth West, Emily Whaley, Marta White, Jon Wiley, Jack Williams, Shelly-Ann Williams, Carol Winkler, Brett Wong, Ramsi Woodcock, Kevin Yeomans, Marc Zayac, Yali Zhao.

Guests: Chip Hill.

ORDER: The chair, President Mark Becker, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 14, 2016 Senate meeting were approved with no changes.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: The chair opened his comments by noting some key facts: as of Fall 2016 enrollment is over 51,000 with approximately 32,500 downtown and approximately 7,000 graduate students. We have the largest freshman class ever and continue to be an institution of choice for applicants. In August, the Piedmont Central residence hall opened. The six story Science Research Building on Piedmont is opening up soon. It has an open lab design and will house two centers for the Institute for Biomedical Sciences. In July, the College of the Arts was launched. Sara Rosen is the new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The Rialto Center is celebrating its 20th anniversary this month. He also gave an update on the Turner Field property.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 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 Admissions and Standards Committee; Michelle Brattain for Sara Cushing, chair.
ROTC Holds
 This proposal requests a hold on student records for any student who has not returned property belonging to the Department of Military Science and Leadership or the U.S. Government. The question was called and the motion passed.
 2. Motion from the Admissions and Standards Committee; Michelle Brattain for Sara Cushing, chair.
Exempt Graduate Students Scoring over 100 on the TOEFL from the GSTEP
 This proposal exempts international graduate students who score over 100 on the TOEFL or 7.5 on the IELTS from taking the GSTEP upon matriculation. The question was called and the motion passed.
 3. Motion from the Faculty Affairs Committee; George Rainbolt for Kathryn McClymond, chair.
Changes to Procedures for the Evaluations of Administrators
 This proposal makes several changes to the administrator evaluation documents: allows for electronic voting, Associate Professors from Perimeter College can serve on the *ad hoc* evaluation committee for the PC dean, changes the formula for the number of chairs on the *ad hoc* evaluation committee, and changes to the designated evaluators. The question was called and the motion passed.
 4. Motion from the Nominations Committee; Laura Fredrick for Shelby Frost, chair.
Addendum to the 4/14/16 Nominations Report
 This addendum updates the nominations report. The question was called and the motion passed.

Information Items: 1. Summary Reports on the Triennial Evaluations of President Becker and Vice Provost Renick.
2. Motion on Emergency Withdrawal

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Academic Programs (Michele Brattain, chair): The committee met four times. It has reviewed and approved several proposals for changes to programs and has been working with the Office of Institutional Effectiveness.

Admissions and Standards (Michele Brattain for Sara Cushing, chair): The committee has met twice and brought forward the two items on today's agenda.

Athletics (Chester Phillips, chair): The committee has met twice. The student athletes have been recognized as having the highest academic achievement in the Sunbelt Conference.

Budget (Unil Perera, chair): The committee has met twice and discussed the new FLSA rules and the university budget.

Commencement (Mark Becker, chair): The committee has met once. December commencement will be the last one in the Georgia Dome as it will be demolished in March 2017. The May 2017 commencement will be held at the Georgia Tech arena, however it is not large enough to host our ceremony. In that case, the May 2017 commencement will be broken up into five ceremonies over three days.

Cultural Diversity (Sarah Pallas for Diane Belcher, chair): The committee met twice and worked on several issues: faculty salary equity, pushing for the implementation of SEI changes from 2014, encourage departments to develop their diversity statements, looked at research on implicit bias awareness training, and looking for opportunities on campus to teach and research about diversity and inclusion.

Faculty Affairs (George Rainbolt for Kathryn McClymond, chair): The committee met three times. It has been working on the revisions to the administrator evaluations and working with the Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs on revisions to the Faculty Handbook.

FACP (Risa Palm, chair): The committee has not met since the last Senate meeting but will be meeting on October 19.

IS&T (Chris Goode, chair): The committee has met twice and discussed student tech fee issues and reviewed the new technology learning tools that are available to everyone.

Library (Joseph Hacker, chair): The committee has met twice and discussed library security, support services, the new Master Plan, and library reserves.

Planning and Development (George Rainbolt, chair): The committee has met four times. It discussed campus security and received presentations on the demolition of Kell Hall and the upcoming rebuilding of the Courtland Street bridge, and a presentation on the new Master Plan.

Research (Rose Sevcik, chair): The committee has met three times. It has been reviewing the new salary regulations for non-exempt employees and how the FLSA will effect post doctorate fellows. Internal grant information was reviewed as well as graduate student stipends.

Student Discipline (Marta White, chair): There have been 27 hearings since the last Senate meeting.

Student Life (John Bunting, chair): The committee has met twice and reviewed and approved 27 student organization charters.

Sustainability (Robert Moore for Dabney Dixon, chair): The committee has met twice and continues to work on identifying priorities on the Atlanta and Perimeter campuses.

University Statutes and Senate Bylaws (Pat Freer, chair): The committee has been working on revisions to the Statutes and Bylaws to include the new College of the Arts and to address committee size issues.

SPEAKER: Dean of Perimeter College and Vice Provost Peter Lyons gave a presentation on Perimeter College post-consolidation. The SACS site team came and spent several days at multiple campuses and interviewed many people and ended up having no recommendations for changes. Dr. Lyons acknowledged the hard work involved and thanked everyone who made this site visit go so well.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate