

**MINUTES**  
**UNIVERSITY SENATE**  
 February 16, 2017

**PRESENT:** Senate members: Lisa Armistead, Dawn Aycok, Tameka Barnes, Pamela Barr, Mark Becker, Diane Belcher, Kimberly Bennekin, Michael Bradley, Michelle Brattain, Chandra Breaux, Otto Burianik, Maureen Burkart, Anthony Bush, Ian Campbell, Lisa Casanova, Yu-ping Chen, Deborah Constable, Doug Covey, Emily Cowdrick, Daniel Crimmins, Kathryn Crowther, Lauren Curtright, Sara Cushing, Dajun Dai, Debra Denzer, Denise Dimsdale, Fernando Doria, Kike Ehigiator, James Engstrom, Michael Eriksen, Solomon Fesseha, Charles Fox, Laura Fredrick, Patrick Freer, Shelby Frost, Maria Gindhart, Chris Goode, Paula Gordon, Pamela Gore, Linda Harned, Todd Hendricks, Kerry Heyward, Ken Johnson, Jennifer Jones, Trisha Kanan, Candice Kemp, Bob King, Nancy Kropf, Jacqueline Laures-Gore, JoAnn Lee-Joyner, Tony Lemieux, Elizabeth Lopez, Ming Luo, Peter Lyons, Deborah Manson, Walter Massey, Kathryn McClymond, Greg McLean, Kari Miller, Erin Morrey, Eric Morton, Kris Niedringhaus, Ike Okosun, Chester Phillips, Scott Pieper, Alice Pierce, Jared Poley, Jeffrey Portnoy, Jerry Rackliffe, George Rainbolt, Cherie Rainwater, Bala Ramesh, Sally Robertson, Mary Ann Ronski, Sara Rosen, Renee Schatterman, Rose Sevcik, Deborah Shapiro, Will Simson, Bryan Sinclair, Jeff Steely, Adam Stone, Jowanna Tillman, Claudette Tolson, Winnie Tsang-Kosma, Tejal Vashi, Phil Vertimiglia, Draga Vidakovic, Ariday Walkes, Teresa Ward, Elizabeth West, Emily Whaley, Joanna Wilson, Kevin Yeomans.

**Guests:** Janice Byrd, John Duffield, Laura Edmunds, Patricia Gregg, Kouok Law, Fran Mohr.

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

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the October 6, 2016 Senate meeting were approved with no changes.

**COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR:** The chair opened his comments by thanking the Clarkston campus for hosting this meeting. He listed several positive outcomes to-date regarding the smooth consolidation between GSU and Perimeter College. The Legislative Session is underway. The Governor has proposed a pay increase of 2%. This will still have to go through the Legislature for approval. GSU has requested \$5 million for the demolition of Kell Hall. In January GSU closed on the Turner Field property (now Georgia State Stadium) and the renovation will get underway soon. The plan is to have the stadium ready to for football in August 2017 for the first game of the season. Spring commencement will be at McCammish Pavilion at Georgia Tech. There will be four ceremonies spread out over May 8 and May 9.

**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 Academic Programs Committee; Michelle Brattain, chair.  
**Update the University Policy on Academic Program Deactivation**  
 This proposal is to clarify the policy on program deactivation with the BoR Comprehensive Program Review (CPR) and on the unit-initiated requests to deactivate a program. The substance of the policy and the procedures for academic program deactivation remain the same. The question was called and the motion passed.
  2. Motion from the Academic Programs Committee; Michelle Brattain, chair.  
**Revise the Policy on Graduate Faculty Status**  
 This proposal revises the graduate faculty policy to clarify that graduate research faculty and graduate professional faculty status are held at the university level; graduate research faculty status is granted to faculty hired with tenure on appointment; provisional status may be granted for up to seven years; the college may determine whether provisional members are permitted to chair Ph.D. dissertations. The question was called and the motion passed.
  3. Motion from the Admissions and Standards Committee; Sara Cushing, chair.  
**Undergraduate Cross Level Registration Policy**  
 This proposal came about as a result of the consolidation. This will allow baccalaureate students to take up to four courses at Perimeter College and for Perimeter College students to take up to four courses at the 4-year campus with the necessary approvals. The question was called and the motion passed.
  4. Motion from the Admissions and Standards Committee; Sara Cushing, chair.  
**Revise the membership of the Enrollment Management Committee**  
 The membership of the EMC needed to be adjusted to reflect the consolidation with Perimeter College

and the addition of graduate issues to the purview of the Committee on Admissions and Standards. The question was called and the motion passed.

5. Motion from the Univ. Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; Pat Freer, chair.

**Amend the University *Statutes* to add the College of the Arts**

This change was made to add the College of the Arts to the University *Statutes*. The question was called and the motion passed.

6. Motion from the Univ. Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; Pat Freer, chair.

**Amend the Senate *Bylaws* to add the College of the Arts**

These changes were made to incorporate the College of the Arts; make uniform the language and presentation; incorporate requests from committee chairs; and correct miscellaneous errors and omissions in the Senate *Bylaws*. The question was called and the motion passed.

- Information Items:
1. Motion to Revise the "I" Policy.
  2. Motion on Revise the Policy on Limits on Withdrawals.
  3. Motion to Create New Registration Hold Code for Graduate Applicants Required to Submit Official Transcripts.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Academic Programs (Michele Brattain, chair): The committee met twice. It has reviewed and approved two proposals for concentrations and approved the items on today's agenda.

Admissions and Standards (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 once. The athletic competitive schedules have been approved.

Budget (Unil Perera, chair): No report.

Commencement (Mark Becker, chair): The president discussed commencement updates in his opening remarks.

Cultural Diversity (Diane Belcher, chair): The committee met once and discussed the impact of the recently signed Executive Order regarding travel and how it effects our international students. Discussions also included implicit bias awareness training, transgender inclusion, and increasing the diversity of the faculty.

Faculty Affairs (Kathryn McClymond, chair): The committee met twice. It has been working on revisions to the P&T manual and to the Faculty Handbook, has been revising the SEI, and has been completing its study of length of sojourn of Associate Professor including reviewing peer and aspirational institutions.

FACP (Jerry Rackliffe for Risa Palm, chair): The committee has met twice. There will be no increase in mandatory student fees and the committee discussed the 2018 budget redirect strategy.

IS&T (Chris Goode, chair): The committee has met twice and discussed student tech fee proposals issues.

Library (Jeff Steely for Joseph Hacker, chair): The committee will meet next week to discuss the library strategic plan and the new Master Plan.

Planning and Development (George Rainbolt, chair): The committee has met three times. The Burning Bright campaign is going well. 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 reviewed conference grant submissions and made recommendations. It did a review of dissertation awards: of the 174 awarded 168 students completed their degree in 1.4 years, with only 6 students awarded that did not complete their degree requirements. The committee also heard several presentations on topics including student stipends and the changes to the PCard policy.

Student Discipline (Cherie Rainwater for Marta White, chair): There have been 7 hearings since the last Senate meeting.

Student Life (Will Simson for John Bunting, chair): The committee met twice and had approved 35 student organizations.

Sustainability (Eric Morton for Dabney Dixon, chair): The committee has met three times and continues to work on identifying priorities on the Atlanta and Perimeter campuses including the reduction of paper usage and recycling.

University Statutes and Senate Bylaws (Pat Freer, chair): The committee met twice to prepare the motions that were considered today.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** John Duffield gave an overview of GSU's next quality enhancement plan and how the GSU community can get be involved in that process.

**SPEAKERS:** Julie Kerlin and Tom Lewis gave a presentation and update of this year's Legislative Session and the various issues and bills being discussed and how these would affect the university. Social media has a huge impact and is followed constantly. If an individual wants to advocate on an issue, please do so as a private citizen and not as an employee of GSU. Kerry Heyward gave practical advice. She talked about the definition of academic freedom. President Becker reiterated to please tap these folks for information and use them as resources going forward.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone  
Secretary to the Senate