UNIVERSITY SENATE
February 17, 2022

PRESENT: Senate members: Raishell Adams, Marian Adomakoh, Lisa Armistead, Jaye Atkinson, Deniz Ballero,
Jennifer Barker, Lia Bascomb, Janelle K. Bassett, Diane Belcher, Kimberly Bennekin, Perry Binder, Jacobus Boers, M.
Brian Blake, Faye Borthick, Michael Bradley, Michelle Brattain, Curtis Byrd, Kris Byron, Zhipeng Cai, Gina Caisson, Ian
Campbell, Owen Cantrell, Laura Carruth, Mark Chen, David Cheshier, Debora Constable, Sarah Cook, Kathryn
Crowther, Melody Dantzler, Melanie Davenport, Marni Davis, Sonia Durden, Rafaela Feresin, Nimi Fernando, Gina
Flowers, Mark Flowers, Corrie Fountain, Charles Fox, Sabrina Freeeney, Patrick Freer, Shelby Frost, Michael
Galchinsky, Angus Galloway, Doug Gardenhire, Stephanie Garofalo, Gerald Gay, Mathew Gayman, Marilyn Gentle,
Sarah Gershon, Krista Graham, Carole Grantham, Mark Graves, Emily Graybill, Laura Green, Glenn Harrison, Kathryn
Hartgrove, Xiaochn He, Carmen Hermann, Kerry Heyward, Sharon Hill, Mark Hollier, Shuguang Hong, John Horgan,
David Houchins, Kevin Hsieh, Karen Hudson, Leszek Ignatowicz, Daniel Immergluck, Miles Irving, Jacob Irwin, Mo
Ivory, Richard James, Tim Jansa, Cintoria Johnson, JoAnn Joyner, Nadine Kabengi, Jay Kahn, Trisha Kanan, Michelle
Kassorla, Kimmy Kellett, Brian Kelly, Candace Kemp, Richard Kirk, Kenya Kirkendoll, Nancy Kropf, Susan Laury,
Cynthia Lester, Michael Lewis, Chunying Li, Jian-Dong Li, Scott Lightsey, Stephanie Lindemann, Yuan Liu, Blake
McGee, Ewa McGrail, Greg McLean, Joseph Magliano, Victoria Mariani, Robert Maxwell, Leslie Meadows, Jennifer
Miller, Huanbiao Mo, Isabelle Monlouis, Erin Morrey, Monique Moultrie, Eddy Namias, Kris Niedringhaus, Martin
Norgaard, Ike Okosun, Becky Owens, Kavita Pandit, Samantha Parks, Nicolette Parsons-Pollard, Nikita Patterson, Terry
Pechacek, Catherine Perkins, Unil Perera, Chester Phillips, Scott Pieper, Bruce Pilling, Jared Poley, Gregory Poon,
Jerry Rackliffe, Bala Ramesh, Rasha Ramzy, Sebastian Rand, Tracienne Ravita, John Redmond, Kim Reimann, Marcus
Rhymes, Kenneth Rice, LeAnne Richardson, Ed Rigdon, Barbara Robertson, William Robinson, Peter Roessle, Mary
Ann Romski, Sara Rosen, Vjolica Sadiraj, Nancy Schafer, Wolfgang Schloer, Lionel Scott, Anthony Serpico, Rose
Sevcik, Nicola Sharratt, Kim Siegenthaler, Amy Stalker, Ruth Stanford, Jeff Steely, David Stinson, Selena Subotic,
Carla Tanguay, Volkan Topalli, Kyle Townsend, Dennise Turner, Phil Ventimiglia, Sally Wallace, Desiree Wanders,
Wade Weast, Rebecca Weaver, John Weber, Robert Weber, Pey-Shan Wen, Emily Whaley, Marta White, Benjamin
Williams, Brett Wong, Yusen Xia, Yongsheng Xu, Vincent Yao, Christina Zamon, Marc Zayac

Guests: Ann-Margaret Esnard, Denise George, Lauri Goodling, Mary McLaughlin, John Medlock, Dori Neptune,
Shelly-Ann Williams, Diana Wrenn Rapp

ORDER: The Chair, Dr. Blake, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

MINUTES: There was a motion to approve the November 18, 2021 meeting minutes and there was a
second. Peter Roessle and Toni Durden requested via WebEx that their names be added to the
attendance for the meeting. The members voted using the link sent to their email address by Damon
Lynch or utilized the QR code provided to vote. One minute was allotted for voting. The results of the
voting poll were displayed on the screen. The minutes were approved with the addition of the two
attendees.

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:

Motions from the Admissions and Standards Committee, Patrick Freer, Chair

1. **Motion to Approve Global Scholar Distinction at Perimeter College**—this motion proposes
to implement a program at the Perimeter campuses that recognizes associate degree-seeking
students for their work in courses that develop global competence.

The members voted using the link sent to their email address or utilized the QR code provided to vote.
One minute was allotted for voting. The results of the voting poll were displayed on the screen. The motion
was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Academic Programs (Michelle Brattain, chair): The committee has met three times since the last Senate
meeting. The committee has reviewed many proposals for alterations and amendments to existing academic programs and new programs. The committee is working on collecting information on dual degree programs at Georgia State, i.e., the 4 + 1 Dual Degree Program. The committee is also working on draft guidelines for how many courses or hours or what percentage of a program may be double counted in these dual degrees.

Admissions and Standards (Patrick Freer, chair): The committee has met and discussed the motion on the agenda today. Most of the committee’s work continues via subcommittees and working groups. The committee will have more to report at the next Senate meeting.

Athletics (Chester Phillips, chair): The committee has met once since the last Senate meeting. The committee discussed topics of the name image likeness policies that are continuing to evolve in Athletics. There are also new NCAA movement on the transgender policy. Georgia State will host Georgia Southern in a home basketball game tonight at 7 pm.

Budget (Unil Perera, chair): The committee has met three times since the last Senate meeting. The committee heard from Ernst & Young regarding their plan for conducting a salary survey. Jerry Rackliffe and Michael Galchinsky attended the January committee meeting. They discussed faculty numbers and research funding over the last five years. At the December meeting, Ramesh Vakamudi presented a status report on various projects including the Convocation Center, Dunwoody Dental Hygiene addition and the new project on Student Success renovation at 25-27 Auburn Avenue.

Commencement (M. Brian Blake, chair): The committee has met once since the last Senate meeting. The dates for commencement will be between May 2nd and May 8th. The inclement weather ceremonies will be held on Saturday, May 7th if needed. Open RSVP will begin on February 9th and will close on April 6th. The ceremonies will take place in the pre-pandemic format at Center Parc Stadium. All ceremonies will be live streamed.

Cultural Diversity (Leslie Meadows, chair): The committee has met twice since the last Senate meeting. The committee continues to concentrate on several issues. One issue is regarding efforts to ban the box on the GSU applications (examined the consequences for checking the box on the application that indicates prior criminal convictions or pending criminal charges). The committee invited Patrick Rodriguez, Georgia Coalition for Higher Education in Prison and Abby Cook, current GSU student who applied to GSU from prison. The committee composed a letter to President Blake, Interim Provost Parsons-Pollard, and Dr. Allison Calhoun-Brown detailing the harm of the box and the implication for students of color. The letter was well received. Both Dr. Calhoun-Brown and Dr. Michael Sanseviro assured the committee that the issue is taken seriously, and they are reviewing policies to ensure that students will be treated fairly. The next issue is the Critical Race Theory (CRT). The committee revisited and re-examined the letter that was previously sent to President Blake, former Provost Wendy Hensel, and members of the steering committee of the Next Generation of Faculty, on October 6, 2021. The committee is assisting the LGBTQ+ Committee with a resolution to present at the next Senate meeting. The goal of this resolution is to ensure that GSU has gender neutral bathrooms in every building on all GSU campuses. GSU recognizes this issue and VP Ramesh Vakamudi is cooperating; however, there is very little momentum. The committee would like a resolution from the Senate to help expedite this initiative. GSU administration will receive a letter soon supporting Professor Dan Immergluck against repercussions from refusing to teach face-to-face due to critical health issues. The letter is supported by both the Cultural Diversity and Faculty Affairs Senate Committees. The next committee meeting will be held on February 25th at 10 am.

Executive Committee (Michelle Brattain, chair): The committee has met one time since the last Senate
meeting. The committee reviewed the motion on the agenda today.

Faculty Affairs (Robert Maxwell, chair): The committee has met twice since the last Senate meeting. The committee is currently working on the associate dean evaluation tool. The committee is also considering new wording for the academic dean evaluation tool. The committee is reviewing the new PNT & NTT promotion manuals (annual revision). The committee hopes to have all items finalized and ready for the next Senate meeting.

IIT (Krista Graham for Chris Goode, chair): The committee has met three times since the last Senate meeting. The committee voted unanimously to make a recommendation to FACP that funded tech fee awards that remain unincumbered in the current fiscal year be redistributed to the academic and administrative units according to the standard allocation percentages. The committee will consult for fee proposals. Tech fee proposals for fiscal year 2023 are currently being reviewed by the tech fee review committees (composed of at least 50% students) of the various academic and administrative units. The committees voting reports are due to IIT by March 4th. The IIT Committee will review the reports at the April meeting.

Library (LeAnne Richardson, chair): The committee has not met since the last Senate meeting. There is no report.

Planning and Development (Jared Poley, chair): The committee has met one time since the last Senate meeting. The committee learned about the activities of the central development team. Members of the committee have also served on a joint committee to prioritize the list of major repairs and renovations.

Research (Rose Sevcik, chair): The committee has met twice since the last Senate meeting. The committee has raised and discussed issues related to purchasing procedures and legal reviews at the university. The committee has also monitored the submissions for the dissertation awards that are part of the internal grants program. Members of the committee are participating in the now standing budget committee that is examining salary issues for faculty and staff. Human subjects research and pandemic linked protocols have been an ongoing discussion with members from Legal Affairs. Jerry Rackliffe presented the committee with a budget committee overview. The committee held a discussion with President Blake about the current and future state of research activities at the university.

Student Discipline (Desiree Wanders, chair): The committee meets on an as needed basis for disciplinary hearings. There is currently no information to report.

Student Life and Development (Gina Flowers for Joe Normandin, chair): The committee has met twice since the last Senate meeting. The committee heard updates from Dr. Coletta Carter and Jez Catambay-Lopez on December 3rd. The committee met with Dr. Michael Sanseviro on January 28th. He presented a request for support from the committee and faculty guidance on aligning the GSU disruptive student conduct procedures with the current USG system wide policies. The committee received an update from SGA President, Brianna Bailey, regarding ongoing SGA initiatives including the best way to connect students from the Atlanta and Perimeter campuses for university wide events. Engagement reporting to Dr. Sanseviro, VP, Student Engagement and Programs, the makeup of the Student Center Advisory Council, departments in the Student Life area, and student center usage data, which is still down from pre-pandemic. The committee also approved several student organizations.

Sustainability (Terry Pechacek, co-chair): The committee has met twice since the last Senate meeting. The committee met with Jennifer Wilson, the new GSU Sustainability Manager. She has extensive experience from KSU. The committee review Jennifer’s experiences and aligned priorities with her
successful experiences at KSU with potential opportunities and applications at all GSU campuses. The committee will meet on tomorrow to explore strategies building upon those discussions around the four pillars proposed by President Blake.

University Statutes and Senate Bylaws (Jacob Irwin for Todd Hendricks, chair): The committee has not met since the last Senate meeting. The committee will meet soon to address bylaw changes that were presented to the committee. The committee plans to have a resolution to present to the Senate at the April meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Dionne Polite, Assistant to the Senate