

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE
January 23, 2014

PRESENT: Senate members: Peggy Albers, JoAnn Bacon, Pam Barr, Tim Bartness, Dawn Baunach, Mark Becker, Diane Belcher, Larry Berman, Gary Bingham, Chana Bohan, Margo Brinton, Fred Brooks, Elisabeth Burgess, Allison Calhoun-Brown, Debby Cannon, Lisa Casanova, Kevin Chappell, David Cheshier, Brennan Collins, Chris Connelly, Doug Covey, Harry Dangel, Cheryl Delk-LeGood, Monica Diaz, Dabney Dixon, Irene Duhaime, Vedita Eastman, Michael Eriksen, Laura Fredrick, Patrick Freer, Shelby Frost, Gerald Gay, Mark Geil, Morna Gerrard, Maria Gindhart, Lynda Goodfellow, Audrey Goodman, Baotong Gu, Joseph Hacker, Skye Hardesty, Kerry Heyward, Hugh Hudson, Miles Irvin, Sheri Joseph, Paul Katz, Nicholas Keller, Janelle Kerlin, Jamika King, Sylvia Lee, Shelley Linens, Jun Liu, Peter Lyons, Amen-Ra Mackey, Walter Massey, Kathryn McClymond, Mark McFarland, Marian Meyers, Sarah Pallas, Risa Palm, Dominic Parrott, Unil Perera, Chester Phillips, Richard Phillips, Bruce Pilling, Sushil Prasad, Jerry Rackliffe, George Rainbolt, Lesley Reid, Don Reitzes, Mary Ann Ronski, Stephen Rosner, Shari Schwartz, Rose Sevcik, David Stinson, Jelena Subotic, Tammy Sugarman, Caroline Sullivan, Melissa Taylor, Cherian Thachenkary, Jowanna Tillman, Volkan Topalli, Kris Varjas, William Walsh, David Washburn, Michael Weeks, Sara Weigle, Dan Weiskopf, Russel White, Shelly-Ann Williams, Carol Winkler, Michael Wyatt, Yali Zhao.

Guests: Carol Cohen, Julie Kerlin, Tom Lewis, Rebecca Stout.

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

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 10, 2013 Senate meeting were approved with two typographical corrections.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: President Becker mentioned that the Senate meetings will be moving to Centennial Hall at 100 Auburn Avenue beginning with the April 17, 2014 meeting. The legislature is now in session and Dr. Becker gave an overview of the items that are of importance to GSU. Last week there was a College Opportunity Summit held at the White House. GSU participated in this summit and our work for student success is being recognized. Hugh Hudson mentioned that the Retirement Committee is meeting soon to discuss allowing employees a one time chance to migrate from the TRS to the ORP retirement plans or vice versa.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Executive Committee recommends a "do pass" on the following agenda items:

1. **Policy on Direct Instruction for Graduate Degrees** presented by the Executive Committee; Don Reitzes, chair. Graduate students must earn at least one-third of their credits through direct instruction at GSU. This will bring us into compliance with SACS requirements.
2. **Revised Policy for Assignment of Credit Hours** presented by the Academic Programs Committee; Sara Weigle for Michelle Brattain, chair. This motion clarifies existing policy on the assignment of credit hours. The question was called and the motion passed.
3. **Motion on ARCHE Cross-Registration** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; Sara Weigle, chair. This proposal affects undergraduate programs and clarifies that 25% of course credit applicable to the degree will be by direct instruction at GSU. The question was called and the motion passed.
4. **Policy on Admission Test Scores for Non-Native Speakers of English** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; Sara Weigle, chair. This motion clarifies the TOEFL score required for admission and also adds the appropriate IELTS score for conditional admission. The question was called and the motion passed.

5. **Policy on Direct Instruction** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; Sara Weigle, chair. This motion brings GSU into compliance with SACS requirements. The question was called and the motion passed.
6. **Policy on Special Talent Admissions** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; Sara Weigle, chair. This motion corrects titles, makes minor editorial changes for clarity, and reflects current practice. No substantive change was made. The question was called. The motion passed.
7. **Proposal to Amend the Senate *Bylaws*, Article VII, Section 5** presented by the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; Sara Weigle for Greg Lisby, chair. This motion authorizes the Admissions and Standards Committee to review regulations that are contained in Sections 1000 through 1352 of the Graduate Catalog. The question was called and the motion passed.
8. **Revise Georgia State University's Mission Statement** presented by the Planning and Development Committee; George Rainbolt; chair. The motion corrects two factual errors in the current mission statement. This does not change GSU's mission. The question was called and the motion passed.

Information items:

1. Individuals Under Age 18 in Laboratories, Vivarium Facilities, and Other Hazardous Areas
2. Research Use of Controlled Substances

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive (Don Reitzes, chair): The committee met once to approve the items on today's agenda.

Academic Programs (Sara Weigle for Michelle Brattain, chair): The committee met Tuesday and approved some deactivations, terminations, and name changes but no new programs.

Admissions and Standards (Sara Weigle, chair): The committee is working on a revision of the academic honesty policy and on some academic calendar issues.

Athletics (Kris Varjas, chair): The Athletics Department is still going through its Division 1 Football Bowl Subdivision transition. The committee is involved in reviewing current policies to ensure that they are compliant with the Sun Belt and NCAA regulations.

Budget (Lesley Reid, chair): The committee has met several times. It continues to review graduate fees, graduate enrollment, and faculty salary issues. It is monitoring the changes at the USG level on retiree healthcare benefits.

Commencement (Mark Becker, chair): The committee has met once with the primary agenda item of finalizing arrangements for the Fall commencement ceremonies. There was discussion regarding online registration for graduation and updates on regalia.

Cultural Diversity (Monica Diaz, chair): The committee has met once. The continuing initiatives include: reviewing the student evaluations of faculty, reviewing the diversity strategic plan, and reviewing academic programs with regards to diversity.

Faculty Affairs (David Cheshier, chair): The committee has met once. Work is being done on consolidating the administrator review process, reviewing the P and T manual, and on issues surrounding possible salary increases.

FACP (Risa Palm chair): FACP has met once. It forwarded recommendations from the Student Mandatory Fee committee for FY15.

IS&T (Steve Harmon, chair): No report.

Library (Joe Hacker, chair): The committee has met once. The committee wants to retain a \$5 student fee to extend library hours. It is monitoring the evolution of the CURV.

Planning and Development (George Rainbolt, chair): P&D has met four times. It is working to clarify the MRRF and CBSAC sub-committees' charges and also a faculty/staff dining area. It is beginning to focus on the development aspect of the P&D Committee.

Research (Rose Sevcik, chair): The committee has met once. It has worked with URSA staff to make changes to the internal grants program and also reviewed policies on controlled substances and minors in labs. The joint sub-committee with the Library Committee has focused on examining current issues in scholarly publishing.

Student Discipline (Marta White, chair): No report.

Student Life and Development (Elisabeth Burgess, chair): It has met once and approved new charters of student organizations. It is examining revisions of the Student Code of Conduct.

Sustainability (Dabney Dixon, chair): The committee has met once. There is now a staffed Office of Sustainability. The committee is working on a strategic plan for sustainability.

University Statutes and Senate Bylaws (David Cheshier for Greg Lisby, chair): The committee has met once. It is finalized the motion that was brought forward at today's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Hugh Hudson mentioned the growing concern across the USG about possible raises. President Becker confirmed that raises are a priority for Chancellor Huckleby.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate