

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE
March 14, 2013

PRESENT: Senate members: Peggy Albers, Amber Amari, JoAnn Bacon, Pam Barr, Tim Bartness, Dawn Baunach, Mark Becker, Larry Berman, Gary Bingham, Faye Borthick, Michelle Brattain, Elisabeth Burgess, Catherine Cadenhead, Debby Cannon, David Cheshier, David Caudill, Jennifer Chiovaro, Doug Covey, Harry Dangel, Julie Dangel, Kim Darnell, Cheryl Delk-LeGood, Monica Diaz, Dabney Dixon, Irene Duhaime, Vedica Eastman, Richard Fendler, Mary Finn, Laura Fredrick, Patrick Freer, Peggy Gallagher, MaryAnne Gaunt, Mark Geil, Morna Gerrard, Charles Gilbreath, Maria Gindhart, Jeffrey Glover, Lynda Goodfellow, Shif Gurmu, Skye Hardesty, Steve Harmon, Brenna Helmstutler, Kerry Heyward, Miles Irving, Olga Jarrett, Jennifer Jones, Jodi Kaufmann, Nancy Kropf, Peter Lindsay, Greg Lisby, Jun Liu, Leigh Anne Liu, William Long, Peter Lyons, Carrie Manning, Walter Massey, Kathryn McClymond, Mark McFarland, John Medlock, Mike Metzler, Siva Nathan, Ike Okosun, Risa Palm, Dominic Parrott, Chester Phillips, Bruce Pilling, Cora Presley, Jerry Rackliffe, George Rainbolt, Vincent Rehder, Lesley Reid, Don Reitzes, Tim Renick, Ed Rigdon, Mary Ann Ronski, Stephen Rosner, John Russell, Shari Schwartz, Nan Seamans, Rose Sevcik, Mary Stuckey, Cherian Thachenkary, Gertrude Tinker-Sachs, Kris Varjas, Bronislaw Verhage, Mary Beth Walker, Bill Walsh, Michael Weeks, Dan Weiskopf, Elizabeth West, Carol Winkler, Michael Wyatt, Alan Ziobrowski.

Guests: Lynda Brown Wright, Deanna Hines, Tom Lewis, Erica Rivers, Rebecca Stout.

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

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 17, 2013 Senate meeting were approved with no changes.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: President Becker gave an update on the current legislative session. Funding for the construction of a law school building is still in the budget of the House and Senate. He gave an overview of HB 512: concealed carry bill. He gave an overview of HB 232: changes to the optional retirement plan. Fall semester applications are up and applications to the Honors College are strong. In the first goal of the Strategic Plan it states that GSU will become a national model for demonstrating that students from diverse backgrounds can have success. GSU is getting recognized by national media for the progress it has made in this area. He announced the sand volleyball team played its first game and won.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

1. **Motion to Amend the Nominations Report** presented by the Nominations Committee; Shelby Frost, chair. This addendum includes student appointments and changes in administrators and faculty since the report was approved in April 2013. The question was called and the motion passed.
2. **Modify the Criteria for Appointment to Regents Professor** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; David Cheshier, chair. This motion states that faculty who are in units without masters and/or doctoral degree programs can be eligible to be nominated for a Regents' Professorship. The question was called and the motion passed.
3. **Hybrid Retirement Option** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; David Cheshier, chair. This comes as a joint motion with the Budget Committee. Lesley Reid, chair of the Budget Committee, stated that the Budget Committee suggests that it not be formally introduced as a motion at this juncture. More feedback is needed. This was agreed to by Dr. Cheshier.
4. **Clarify the Timing of an Administrators First Review** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; David Cheshier, chair. The motion originally came out of the University Statutes

and Senate Bylaws Committee. Today's amended motion changes the wording from "in" the administrator's third year to "at the end of" the administrator's third year. A hard copy amendment to this current motion was distributed to the Senators and it adds an additional sentence to the policy that further clarifies the timing issue. This amendment was accepted by the chair of the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee. The question was called and the motion passed.

5. **Modify the External Review Process for Administrator Evaluations** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; David Cheshier, chair. This motion seeks to improve the external review process in four ways in order to make it consistent with the mechanisms in place for faculty tenure and promotion procedures. The question was called and the motion passed.
6. **Allow Non-tenured Library Faculty to Serve on Administrative Review Committees** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; David Cheshier, chair. This motion exempts the University Libraries from the requirement that evaluation committee membership necessitates tenure and it would prevent a non-tenured committee member from chairing the ad hoc review committee. The question was called and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive (Don Reitzes, chair): The committee met to approve today's agenda. The committee has received the administrative of graduate programs report and the academic programs report. It expects to have the NTT manual report in the fall.

Academic Programs (Michelle Brattain for Sara Weigle, chair): The committee has met once. It approved several deactivations, terminations, and changes to degree programs as well as a BIS concentration in human learning development in the College of Education. It plans to review proposed changes to the APR process.

Admissions and Standards (George Rainbolt, chair): The committee has met once. Besides approving today's agenda item, it is reviewing the core curriculum transfer guide.

Athletics (Kris Varjas, chair): The committee has met once and continue to review gender equity. NCAA rules on compliance have changed and the committee is working with the Athletics Department to keep those impacted by the rules informed. Dr. Varjas met the new football coach. She encouraged everyone to support the new sand volleyball team.

Budget (Lesley Reid, chair): The committee has met twice. The benefits sub-committee has been working on a hybrid TRS/ORP plan with the Faculty Affairs Committee. Other issues being reviewed are health benefits for next year, salary compression, and development.

Commencement (Mark Becker, chair): The committee has not met since the last Senate meeting. It will meet April 1. The Spring Ph.D. ceremony is May 10 with Vice President Weyhenmeyer speaking. All other degrees will be conferred at the May 11 commencement ceremony.

Cultural Diversity (Elizabeth West, chair): The committee has met once. It is working on revisions to the Bylaws due to changes in administrative positions. It is also following up on the 2005 Student Climate Survey. It is working with Faculty Affairs on gender salary inequities.

Faculty Affairs (David Cheshier, chair): The committee has met once and approved today's motions. Once the draft of the NTT manual is distributed, there will be town hall meetings and opportunities to provide feedback.

FACP (Risa Palm, chair): The committee has met once. VP Rackliffe presented an overview of budgetary

matters including Spring semester enrollment and revenues.

IS&T (Steve Harmon, chair): The committee has met once. It continues to deal with the new tech fee process.

Library (Don Reitzes for Deron Boyles, chair): A joint sub-committee (with the Research Committee) is working on implications of open access.

Planning and Development (P.C. Tai, chair): No report.

Research (Rose Sevcik, chair): The committee has met twice. It has had several discussions about the university's research activity including the expansion of the science park, infrastructure for grants management, issues surrounding the budgeting of faculty salaries on grants, librarian costs and issues of compliance.

Student Discipline (Dawn Baunach for Marta White, chair): The committee has had 3 hearings since the last Senate meeting.

Student Life and Development (Elisabeth Burgess, chair): The committee has met once. It has approved 7 student organization charters. A subcommittee has been working on issues regarding the general code of conduct.

Sustainability (Dabney Dixon, chair): The committee continues to review ways to reduce utility usage, especially by computers; green purchasing; and on campus recycling efforts.

University Statutes and Senate Bylaws (Greg Lisby, chair): The committee met once and is working on issues as they arise.

SPEAKER: Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Jerry Rackliffe gave an update on the master plan for facilities. The most important thing at the university is its people. He reviewed the growth expectations for the university.

OLD BUSINESS: The President noted that this is the last meeting of the 2012-13 University Senate.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate