

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE
April 16, 2015

PRESENT: Senate members: Paul Alberto, Amber Amari, Lisa Armistead, Dawn Aycock, JoAnn Bacon, Pam Barr, Mark Becker, Diane Belcher, Larry Berman, Jami Berry, Gary Bingham, Faye Borthick, Michelle Brattain, Margo Brinton, Lynda Brown-Wright, Andy Butler, Brendon Calandra, Debby Cannon, Lisa Casanova, Kevin Chappell, David Cheshier, Eddie Christie, Doug Covey, Joan Cranford, Daniel Crimmins, Gennady Cymbalyuk, Mourad Dakhli, Elena Del Rio Parra, Harry Dangel, Dabney Dixon, Fernando Doria, Florian Enescu, Jacob English, Michael Eriksen, Mario Feit, Laura Fredrick, Patrick Freer, Gerald Gay, Maria Gindhart, Chris Goode, Paula Gordon, Oliver Greene, Shif Gurmu, Joseph Hacker, Steve Harmon, Kerry Heyward, Julia Hilliard, Kevin Hsieh, Ivaylo Ivanov, Amira Jarmakani, Paul Katz, La Loria Konata, Brian Kooy, Michelle Lacoss, Jacqueline Laures-Gore, Terri Lewinson, Shelly Linens, Greg Lisby, William Long, Elizabeth Lopez, Peter Lyons, Carrie Manning, Walter Massey, Kathryn McClymond, John Medlock, Robert Moore, Siva Nathan, Anita Nucci, Sarah Pallas, Risa Palm, Dashaunda Patterson, Unil Perera, Richard Phillips, Joe Peragine, Catherine Perkins, Jerry Rackliffe, George Rainbolt, Bala Ramesh, Sebastian Rand, Vincent Rehder, LeeAnne Richardson, Ed Rigdon, Mary Ann Romski, Chip Ryan, Vjollca Sadiraj, Deborah Shapiro, Bryan Sinclair, Renee Schatteman, Sheri Schwartz, Rose Sevcik, Alexandra Smirnova, Ruth Stanford, Faye Stewart, Mary Stuckey, Jelena Subotic, Tammy Sugarman, Keith Sumas, Monica Swahn, Susan Swars, Cherian Thachenkary, Brian Thoms, Christina Tice, Jowanna Tillman, Volkan Topalli, Kris Varjas, Wendy Venet, Phil Vertimiglia, Mary Beth Walker, Sara Weigle, Marta White, Russel White, Jon Wiley, Shelly-Ann Williams, Carol Winkler, Yusen Xia, Jun Yin, Jenny Zhan.

Guests: Debra Denzer, Andrea Dixon, Karen Jones, Phil Mosier, Sally Robertson, Rebecca Stout.

ORDER: The chair, President Mark Becker, called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 12, 2015 Senate meeting were approved with no changes.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: President Becker stated that the Legislative Session has concluded. Bills are on the governor's desk and it is hoped he will sign the request of \$4.9 million for GSU for an expansion of Classroom South, primarily for extra instructional lab space. Pay raises are in the budget and the BoR has issued guidelines for those raises. GSU tuition increase for next year is 5.5%. The consolidation is moving ahead. There are many committees working on different areas of the consolidation and there is a website so that progress can be tracked. Dr. Becker mentioned the success of GSU's basketball team and the national attention that has been focused on the team and the university. GSU was recognized by the American Council on Education for its transformation, particularly the work with student success. The next residence hall will be open for Fall 2016 with 1,150 beds and a 24 hour dining hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Election of the 2015-16 Executive Committee. President Becker opened the floor for nominations. The names were recorded as nominated:

Michelle Brattain, College of Arts and Sciences
Pam Barr, College of Business
Kris Varjas, College of Education
Laura Fredrick, College of Education
Shelby Frost, School of Policy Studies
Rose Sevcik, College of Arts and Sciences

The nominations were closed. The motion was made and seconded to accept this slate of nominees as the 2015-16 Executive Committee.

- B. The Executive Committee recommends a "do pass" on the following agenda items:
1. **Revisions to the CTW Requirement** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; Sara Weigle, chair. This will reduce the requirement from two courses to one and for departments develop and approve a plan to demonstrate infusion of CTW throughout the curriculum and submit their plan to the College for approval. The question was called and the motion passed.
 2. **Revisions to the Policy on Transfer Credit for Transient Students** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; Sara Weigle, chair. This will remove the requirement of a transient letter. Students are encouraged to seek advisement before registering for a course as a transient student. The question was called and the motion passed.
- C. **The Nominations Report** presented by the Nominations Committee; Laura Fredrick for Shelby Frost, chair. The report was presented and approved.

Information items: List of Committee Organizational meetings and the 15-16 Senate meeting dates.

SPEAKER: Director of Athletics Charlie Cobb gave his annual report on the Athletics program.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate