
Guests: Mahad Arif, Tineke Battle, Chip Hill, Jennifer McCormick.

ORDER: The chair, President Mark Becker, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 13, 2017 Senate meeting were approved with no changes.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: The chair opened his comments by reporting on the increased research money brought into to GSU. Another accomplishment in philanthropy and donations was the $51.9 million raised over this past year. GSU received its largest personal gift, $10 million, from Pete Petit to support the GSU football stadium. GSU awarded more than 10,000 degrees. The Creative Media Institute will open on October 19. U.S. News and World Report ranked GSU as number 4 in Most Innovated and number 8 in Commitment to Undergraduate Education. The chair then played a video featuring Bill Gates highlighting our graduation rates and other academic innovations.

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 Univ. Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; Pat Freer, chair. Changes to Article VII, Section 18 of the Senate Bylaws

      This proposal seeks to update the title of the Committee for Information Systems and Technology. The committee’s name will now be the Committee on Information and Instructional Technology. Changes were also made to the membership list and student technology fee subcommittee. The question was called and the motion passed.

   2. Motion from the Nominations Report; Lara Fredrick for Shelby Frost, chair. Addendum to the April 13, 2017 Nominations Report

      This addendum updates the nominations report. The question was called and the motion passed.


   2. Name Change for the Byrdine F. Lewis College of Nursing and Health Professions

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Academic Programs, (Michele Brattain, chair): The committee met three times. It reviewed and approved several new courses, APR reports, and new concentrations.

Admissions and Standards, (Elizabeth Lopez, chair): The committee met three times. New subcommittee chairs were elected. Much of the committee’s work is done in the subcommittees. Three ad hoc committees were also formed.

Athletics, (Kris Varjas, chair): The committee met twice. The committee toured the new academic center, soccer
facilities, and indoor softball facilities. Work was done with the summer bridge program. Two subcommittees are working on special talents and looking at clustering reporting. There will be a football event in December.

Budget, (Unil Perera, chair): The committee met once. It discussed the different retirement programs available.

Commencement (Mark Becker, chair): The committee met once. Commencement will be held on December 13 for undergraduate degrees and December 14 for Ph.D. degrees. The committee has been discussing the GSU Convocation Center and funds have been requested from the BoR.

Cultural Diversity, (James Ainsworth, chair): The committee has met twice. It has been working on a resolution regarding faculty diversity. It passed the committee and passed through the Faculty Affairs Committee, but was returned by the Executive Committee for changes to be made.

Faculty Affairs, (Elizabeth West, chair): The committee met once. Two subcommittees are working on the student evaluation instrument and some minor revisions to the administrator evaluation instruments.

FACP, (Risa Palm, chair): The committee will meet on October 11 to review the summer and fall enrollment data.

Information and Instructional Technology, (Elizabeth Lopez for Chris Goode, chair): The committee has met twice. It has been reviewing student tech fee proposals and worked on the Senate Bylaws revisions for the committee.

Library, (Joseph Hacker, chair): The committee met once. Two subcommittees are working on the library master plan and on accreditation.

Planning and Development, (Josh Hinkle for Jared Poley, chair): The committee met twice. It discussed campus safety and campus carry, the Kell Hall demolition in 12/18, the Courtland Street Bridge repair in 5/18, and the campus master plan.

Research (Rose Sevcik, chair): The committee met three times. The committee reviewed and approved the working draft of the intellectual property policy, discussed the limited submission of grant applications, created an infrastructure subcommittee to assist AP Weyhenmeyer, and the internal grant subcommittee has reviewed conference grant and recommendations on graduate student stipends.

Student Discipline (Anne Murphy, chair): No report.

Student Life (Chester Phillips, chair): The committee met twice and approved 16 student organizations.

Sustainability (Lauren Curtright, chair): The committee has met twice. It discussed plans for improving recycling efforts at the new Georgia State Stadium and the Perimeter College campuses, extending Panther Express to Perimeter campuses, sending out a survey to students to determine their transportation needs, and creating a vision for the future of transportation of GSU.

Univ. Statutes and Senate Bylaws (Pat Freer, chair): The committee met twice to discuss and approve today’s agenda items.

SPEAKER: Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness Michael Galchinsky gave an update on the reaffirmation of the GSU’s accreditation by SACS COC. Included in this are the compliance report and the quality enhancement plan. Off-site review will take place in November 2018. On-site review will be in February 2019. Final decision will be in December 2019.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate