
Guests: Chip Hill, Fran Mohr, Andy Rogers.

ORDER: The chair, President Mark Becker, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 5, 2017 Senate meeting were approved with no changes.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: The chair opened his comments by mentioning the current Legislative Session. In the Governor’s budget $5 million was allocated to design a convocation center. Also requested is money for the greenway plan. At this point, it is not known if there will be pay raises this year. He gave an overview on Senate Bill 339. A commission has been formed to tackle the problem of the lack of faculty diversity. He talked about the Higher Education Reauthorization Act and data transparency. The GSU football team won its first bowl game.

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 Faculty Affairs Committee; Elizabeth West, chair.
      Revised Workload Policy
      The policy needed to be revised because of the consolidation of Perimeter College into GSU. This revision will bring our policy in alignment with SACCOC guidelines, and the current policy is over 20 years old. The question was called. The motion passed.

                    2. Amend Template and Description of Review/Approval Process for New Programs

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

Academic Programs, (Michele Brattain, chair): The committee met five times. It reviewed and approved 16 proposals and 6 APR reports.

Admissions and Standards, (Elizabeth Lopez, chair): No report.

Athletics, (Bill Bogner for Kris Varjas, chair): The committee met twice. The committee has been working on special talents and looking at clustering reporting. It has heard reports on the sports facilities and mental health. Football season tickets are now on sale.

Budget, (Rose Sevcik for Unil Perera, chair): The committee met once. It discussed the different retirement programs available and ways to assist new faculty in selecting benefits.

Commencement (Mark Becker, chair): The committee met twice. A student survey was conducted and the results indicated that the students would like the May commencement ceremony at the new Georgia State Stadium. There will be three evening ceremonies on May 9, 10, 11 divided up by colleges.

Cultural Diversity, (James Ainsworth, chair): The committee has met three times. It has been working on a resolution regarding faculty diversity. The resolution passed the committee and then passed through the Faculty Affairs Committee, but was returned by the Executive Committee for changes to be made. The committee appreciates the support of the
President and the Provost in this regard. It has resubmitted the resolution to the Executive Committee and is waiting for its response. The committee is also working on gender neutral bathrooms, preferred names/pronouns, and issues of inclusion.

Faculty Affairs, (Elizabeth West, chair): The committee met four times. It has been working on faculty workload policy, the faculty diversity resolution, the student evaluation instrument, revisions to the administrator evaluation instruments, and a university phased retirement policy for faculty and the faculty handbook.

FACP, (Risa Palm, chair): The committee met twice. It reviewed a proposal to reallocate some student activity fee money, received updated enrollment information, and reviewed the 2019 budget priorities.

Information and Instructional Technology, (Jonathan Lochamy for Chris Gooede, chair): The committee has met three times. 2019 student tech fee proposals are now being reviewed by each administrative unit and are due on March 2. The committee will vote on these proposals at the April 12 committee meeting.

Library, (Joseph Hacker, chair): No report.

Planning and Development, (Jared Poley, chair): The committee met three times. It heard reports on institutional effectiveness, faculty diversity, strategic initiatives, campus buildings (including the renovation and repair list) and alumni affairs.

Research (Rose Sevcik, chair): The committee met three times. It has discussed the implementation of the updated common rule and the NIH’s single IRB review for multiple site studies plan, the internal grants subcommittee’s awards, and tuition on grant proposals. VP Weyhenmeyer made a presentation on the academic analytics research insight platform and Dr. Li gave an update on the progress of the Institute for Biomedical Sciences.

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

Student Life (Chester Phillips, chair): The committee met twice and approved 11 student organizations. It is also working on Code of Conduct revisions to align all campuses.

Sustainability (Lauren Curtright, chair): The committee has met twice. It is gathering data on transportation needs and working on a resolution on sustainability for review by the Executive Committee.

Univ. Statutes and Senate Bylaws (Pat Freer, chair): The committee met once. It is working with the Faculty Affairs Committee on its proposal for the evaluation of Associate Deans and Chairs.

**SPEAKER:** University Attorney Kerry Heyward gave a presentation on the issue of free speech and the First Amendment and how it effects the University community.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate