SENATE COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS AND STANDARDS
March 31, 1998


Absent: Margo Brinton, Rankin Cooter, Nancy Deel, Ron Henry, Richard Miller, Greg Moreland, Elaine Murphy, David Myers, Julie Rainer, Larry Rifkind, James Scott, Rick Terrill

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 21, 1998
   The minutes of the January 21, 1998 minutes were approved as distributed.

2. Admissions Appeals Subcommittee
   Sheryl Gowen and Nancy Deel were chosen at random to serve on the first admissions appeals committee.

3. Motion to Create a Transition Requirements Taskforce.
   The committee accepted the motion to form the Transition Requirements Taskforce (TRT) composed of Evelyn Babey, Bill Fritz, Elaine Murphy, and George Rainbolt. The Taskforce was formed to quickly handle all the unforeseeable problems and issues that might arise due to the conversion to semesters. The TRT will actively seek out problems so that they can be resolved before they become crises.

   Motion to Create a Transition Requirements Taskforce
   The Senate Committee on Admissions and Standards will form a subcommittee, the Transition Requirements Taskforce (TRT).

   The TRT will recommend GSU policy on matters concerning problems that arise concerning the university graduation requirements for transition students.

   The TRT is not authorized to make recommendations concerning the following issues: 1) those concerning non-transition students (i.e., those who have no quarter credit hours), 2) those concerning graduate students, 3) those concerning College and departmental requirements. The TRT will, however, be able to consider whether College and departmental requirements mesh with University requirements.

   The TRT will cease to exist at the end of the 98-99 academic year.

   The TRT shall be composed of Evelyn Babey, Bill Fritz, Elaine Murphy, and George Rainbolt.

   The TRT will report all its recommendations to the entire Admissions and Standards Committee. If no member of Admissions and Standards objects to the recommendation of the TRT within two weeks of being notified of the recommendation, the recommendation of the TRT will be GSU policy. If any member of Admissions and Standards objects to the recommendation, it will be considered at the next full meeting of Admissions and Standards and must follow the normal Senate procedures to become GSU policy.

4. Resolution and Motion on Plus/Minus Grading
   The committee passed a resolution to the Board of Regents to allow the implementation of the letter-grade plus/minus grading system at University System of Georgia institutions.
Be it resolved that Georgia State University urges the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to allow the implementation of the letter-grade plus/minus grading system at University System of Georgia institutions.

The Committee also approved the following motion:

If the Board of Regents allows the implementation of the letter-grade plus/minus grading system at University System of Georgia institutions, Georgia State University shall begin using the plus/minus grading system as soon as the necessary computer changes can be made.

5. Motion to increase TOEFL Scores
The Admissions Advisory Subcommittee submitted a motion to raise the minimum TOEFL score required for undergraduate admission to 550. Based on the information generated from ORATOR, when raising the scores, the percentage of students who graduated remains basically the same though the number qualifying for admittance decreases. The issue was tabled for further review of how raising standards affect international students, clarification of the use of G-step, and the Regents Test.

6. Report from the Dean's List Subcommittee
Currently, some students on academic probation may be listed on the Dean's List or Faculty Scholar if their quarterly grades hit the target. Faculty Scholar and Dean's List honors were intended only for those students in good academic standing. The Committee approved a motion to change the wording in the catalog to accurately reflect the policy on academic recognition.

Faculty Scholar: Degree-seeking student on good academic standing with a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.0 and completing at least nine semester hours of academic credit in fall or spring (or six semester hours in summer) with no Incompletes for the semester and earning a 4.00 grade-point average (GPA).

Dean's List: Degree-seeking student on good academic standing with a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.0 completing at least nine semester hours of academic credit in fall or spring (or six semester hours in summer) with no Incompletes for the semester and earning a grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.50.

7. Motions on 1999-2000 Calendar
Dr. Babey chair of the Calendar subcommittee developed the 1999-2000 calendar presenting several options for the many different summer calendar and correcting an error in the clock calendar.

The Committee approved a revision of the Summer 1999 calendar to match the 2000 calendar by having two sessions a short May Mester and a seven-week session.

8. Presentation of Proposed GSU Policy on Student Computer Use.
The Committee approved a resolution to support IS &T's proposed policy on Student Computer Use at Georgia State University as amended.

Recorder: Wanda F. Taylor