SENATE COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS AND STANDARDS
February 23, 2007

Present: Jeannie Barrett (guest) Brenda Blackwell Dave Bledsoe
Carolyn Codamo Carol Cohen Sherene Collis (guest)
Nick Demos Sue Fagan Paul Farham
Olga Jarrett Guy Leach Siva Nathan
Felisha Norrington George Rainbolt Tim Renick
Marti Singer Rebecca Stout

Minutes of the meeting of January 23, 2007
The minutes of the January 23, 2007 meeting were approved.

The motions and proposals discussed over the next series of meetings are required or recommended by SACS to clean up conflicting policies.

Motion to Remove Commencement from the Academic Calendar
The motion to remove Commencement from the Academic Calendar was approved.

Motion: All references to commencement dates are removed from the academic calendar.

Rationale: Georgia State’s commencement ceremonies are going through a period of transition. The exact date on which commence will be held is a matter best left to the Senate Commencement Committee. This motion will avoid having to change Senate policy if commencement dates have to be moved or changed.

Motion to Repeal Automatic WF Policy
The motion to repeal the automatic WF policy was unanimously approved.

Motion: Effective immediately, the following policy is repealed:

Instructors must, on a date after the mid-point of the course set by the Provost (or his designee)

1. give a WF to all those students who are on their rolls but no longer taking the class and
2. report the last day the student attended or turned in an assignment.

Students who are withdrawn may petition the department chair for reinstatement into their classes.

Background/Rationale:
This policy was passed in the spring of 2001 to keep Georgia State in line with the federal financial rules in force at that time. The 2005 reauthorization of the federal laws governing financial aid (Title IV of the Higher Education Act), made this procedure unnecessary. It has
been replaced by the roll verification process. The policy being repealed has not been enforced for the last several years.

New Grievance Policy
The Committee discussed the motion to adopt a University-wide Student Policy and Procedures for Student Complaints, Petitions for Policy Waives and Variances and Appeals. The motion was tabled until the March meeting. George advised Committee members to read the documentation carefully, send comments to him and come prepared to discuss at the March meeting as the policy will need to get passed to meet SACS’ September 1 deadline.

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