SENATE COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS AND STANDARDS
February 25, 2010

PRESENT: Scott Burke, Allison Calhoun-Brown, Pedro Carrillo, David Cheshier, Carol Cohen, Mary Finn, Dena Freeman-Patton, Olga Jarrett, Christopher Kocela, Ptlene Minick, Cherise Peters, George Rainbolt, Tim Renick, Bob Sattelmeyer, Traci Sims, Carrie Ann Starnes, Rebecca Stout, Brian Thoms, Gertrude Tinker-Sachs, Yongsheng Xu, Sara Weigle, Shelly-Ann Williams

Minutes of the January 21, 2010 Meeting
The minutes of the January 21, 2010 meeting were approved as distributed.

Reports on Petitions and Waivers
Various units reported on the university-level policy waiver or variance petitions considered Spring 2009-Fall 2009. Each report indicated the number of petitions filed, the number granted, and the number denied. Scott Burke reported on Special Talents and Admissions Appeals including RPG and academic performance data on students admitted. Scott was asked to break out attrition by reason when reporting on Special Talents and athletics. Gwen Benson reported on Early College Admissions Waivers including RPG and academic performance data on students admitted. Allison Calhoun-Brown presented data on Academic Reg Appeals, Cherise Peters on Registration Appeals and Becca Stout on Hardship Appeals.

Update on Implementation of Motions Passed with a Budgetary Proviso
Tim Kenick provided an update on the Repeat to Replace and Pass/Fall motions, which were passed with a budgetary provision. Given the current budget situation, the motions’ effective dates were postponed from Fall 2010 to Fall 2011.

Motion re Residency for Joint Degrees
The Committee approved the motion on Academic Residency for Joint Degree, Dual Degree, and Exchange Programs.

Motion:
1. Section 1450 of the Catalog, Academic Residence Requirement, is modified as follows:

Additions

Academic residence is defined as being enrolled in one or more courses at Georgia State University; this is not to be confused with status as a legal resident of the State of Georgia for fee determination purposes. The minimum academic residence requirement for each baccalaureate degree is as follows:

The candidate must earn 39 semester hours at Georgia State in courses numbered 3000 or above with an average grade of at least a C (2.00 GPA).
Up to 9 hours of 3000/4000 credit earned at another institution as part of an official Georgia State University joint degree, dual degree, or exchange program may be counted toward the academic residency requirement.

Rationale:
For Section 1

As Georgia State develops more partnerships (particularly with international institutions) the 39 hours requirement has become a barrier to the success of these partnerships. It is appropriate to make an exception to the 39-hour rule for joint, dual, and exchange programs that have been official approved by Georgia State University.

Due to SACS Principles of Accreditation, we cannot lower the academic residency requirement below 30 hours. SACS Comprehensive Standard 3.5.2 states that for undergraduate programs: “at least 25% of the credit hours required for the degree are earned through instruction offered by the institution awarding the degree.”

Motion re Core Curriculum Area A and Transfer Credit Policies
The motion on the new BOR Core Curriculum Area A and Transfer Credit Rules were approved as modified.

Motion:
Effective Fall 2010

The New BOR Rules:

1. Students who have earned 60 hours but have not completed Area A1 must enroll in the next course necessary to make progress toward completing this Area in every semester in which they take classes. Effective Fall 2011, this hour limit is lowered to 45 hours. Effective Fall 2012, the hour limit is lowered to 30 hours. Institutions are allowed to move to the 45/30 hour limits before they are required to do so. For students with Learning Support requirements in reading or writing, taking the required Learning Support course(s) counts as making progress toward completing Area A1.

2. Students who have earned 60 hours but have not completed Area A2 must enroll in the next course necessary to make progress toward completing this Area in every semester in which they take classes. Effective Fall 2011, this hour limit is lowered to 45 hours. Effective Fall 2012, the hour limit is lowered to 30 hours. Institutions are allowed to move to the 45/30 hour limits before required to do so. For students with LSP requirements in mathematics, taking the required LSP course counts as making progress toward completing Area A2.

Effective Fall 2011
3. Students who transfer after having completed the US/GL/CT requirements at a USG institution will be given credit for completion of the GSU’s US/GL/CT requirements. Students who transfer to without having completed the US/GL/CT requirements must complete GSU’s US/GL/CT requirements. See the Transfer Guidelines for more information.

4. Students successfully completing a course in a USG institution's Areas A-E will receive full credit in Areas A-E for the course at GSU as long as (a) the course is within the Area hours limitations of either the sending institution OR GSU and (b) the student does not change from a non-science major to a science major.

5. Credits will be transferred according to the Transfer Guidelines. The Senate Committee on Admissions and Standards has final action authority to modify the Transfer Guidelines. However, if any member of Admissions and Standards objects to a change in the Transfer Guidelines, the change will be referred to the Senate for consideration.

**Rationale and Examples:**
Sections 1-4 above are simply copied from BOR policy. We are required to implement these policies.

Part 5. As the various USG institutions change their core curricula, the transfer guidelines will need to be changed. In order for transfer credit to be awarded quickly, and to minimize impacts on the Senate’s time, it is preferable to non-controversial changes to the transfer guidelines approved by Admissions and Standards.

**Motion re GPA Requirements in Kinesiology and Health**
The motion on GPA Requirements in Kinesiology and Health was approved. Based on a suggestion from Tim Renick, the statement “Current KH majors with GPAs less than 2.5 will be contacted and offered advising services” will be added to the rationale.

The discussion on the use of GPA requirements as an upper level enrollment management issue persuades the Committee that the issue needs to be looked at more broadly. George indicated he would set up a subcommittee to look at upper-division enrollment management rules to determine if the current use of GPA requirements to manage upper-division enrollments need to be modified.

**Motion:**
Effective Fall 2010, students, regardless of degree program or status, who have attempted nine or more semester hours of credit at Georgia State University must maintain a minimum cumulative Georgia State GPA of 2.50 to be eligible to enroll in

- KH 3500 Athletic Training
- KH 3550 Evaluation and Instrumentation in Exercise Science
- KH 4280 Psychology of Physical Activity
- KH 4290 Cardiopulmonary Physiology
- KH 4300 Neuromuscular Physiology and Plasticity
- KH 4350 Fitness Program Management
KH 4360 Clinical Exercise Physiology
KH 4600 Advanced Biomechanics for Exercise Science
KH 4630 Fitness Assessment and Exercise Prescription

Students who have attempted fewer than nine hours at Georgia State may enroll in these courses with below a 2.50 cumulative Georgia State GPA.

**Rationale:**
The Upper-Division Admissions Committee recommended that this GPA request be approved. The lab space for these courses is limited and there is no reasonable prospect that additional lab space will be available in the foreseeable future.

**Recorded by:**
Wanda F. Taylor
Motion re ARCHE Cross-Registration

Motion:

Section 1330.40 of the Catalog is deleted and replaced with the following:

Georgia State University students may enroll in courses offered by member institutions of the Atlanta Regional Consortium for Higher Education (ARCHE) under a cross registration agreement. Students who wish to cross register must meet all eligibility requirements under the ARCHE agreement and the University. Courses taken through cross registration are considered resident credit. Students may learn more about cross registration or obtain an ARCHE Cross Registration Application at [www.gsu.edu/es/crossregistration.html](http://www.gsu.edu/es/crossregistration.html).

Cross Registration Application Deadlines:

Fall Semester: July 26   Spring Semester: December 1   Summer Semester: May 1

Student Eligibility Criteria:

- Students must be in good standing and have a minimum Georgia State University cumulative GPA of 2.0 and the required GPA to enroll in the Georgia State course which is most similar to the course the student wishes cross register.
- Students must be concurrently enrolled in at least one Georgia State course.
- Students must meet prerequisites for requested course(s) as defined by Georgia State University and the host institution.
- Students must meet the host institution’s immunization and health requirements.
- First-semester freshmen may not cross register (unless cross registering in courses for purposes of ROTC training or marching band).

Course Restrictions:

Students may not cross register for a course if

- The course is offered at GSU that semester.
- The course has been previously attempted at Georgia State (including attempts which resulted in a withdrawal or an unsatisfactory grade).
- The course or an appropriate substitute is routinely available at Georgia State (that is, offered each semester or on a specified regular basis, such as every fall). Determination of whether the course is routinely available is made by the advisement office in consultation with the chair or director of the academic unit that offers the course.
- The College and/or degree program has restrictions or departmental requirements for the specific course.
- The student expects to graduate from GSU during the semester the student wishes to cross register a course.
Students are limited to two cross-registered courses per semester, and the combined course load at Georgia State University and the host institution may not exceed 18 credit hours.

**Procedures:**

Students who wish to cross register must complete and submit an ARCHE Cross Registration Application to the Enrollment Services Center, room 227, Sparks Hall. Cross Registration Applications are available online: [www.gsu.edu/es/crossregistration.html](http://www.gsu.edu/es/crossregistration.html).

Students who wish to take academic courses at an ARCHE institution must obtain written approval in advance from the Student Advisement Center or the Office of Academic Assistance in the student’s college. Course outlines (syllabi) and catalog information may be required so content can be evaluated before approval is granted by the Office of Academic Assistance.

Students are not allowed to pre-register in courses they wish to cross register. Once all approvals have been obtained, the host institution’s Cross Registration Coordinator will register students for the approved course(s) on a space-available basis after the host institution’s regularly enrolled or continuing students have had first priority for registration. The host institution’s Cross Registration Coordinator will inform the student of approval and registration status.

Georgia State University’s students will pay Georgia State University’s tuition and fee rates via PAWS. However, special fees (lab fees, parking and equipment lease) and security deposits must be paid to the host institution.

Students must abide by all host institutions’ policies and schedules regarding grades, exam dates, absences, and add/drop/withdrawal deadlines. To withdraw from a course, both Georgia State University and the host institution’s withdrawal procedures must be followed. Changes in registration must be approved by Georgia State University and the host institution’s Cross Registration Coordinators.

Upon completion of the course, the host institution’s Cross Registration Coordinator will send a final transcript to Georgia State University. Students who receive a grade of Incomplete at a host institution should recognize that the time limit for removal of a grade of Incomplete must not exceed Georgia State University’s deadline for removal of a grade of incomplete (see section 1350.30 Changes in Grade). It is the student’s responsibility to request an official transcript from the host institution once the grade of Incomplete has been satisfied and a final grade has been assigned.

Students must complete a new ARCHE Cross Registration Application for any subsequent term.

Cross registration is available in the summer on a limited basis. Consult the Office of the Registrar for more information. The participating ARCHE member institutions are: Agnes Scott College, Atlanta College of Art, Brenau University, Clark Atlanta University, Clayton State University, Columbia Theological Seminary, Emory University, Georgia Gwinnett College, Georgia Institute of Technology, Interdenominational Theological Center, Kennesaw State University, Mercer University Atlanta Campus, Morehouse College, Morehouse School of Medicine, Oglethorpe University, Savannah College of Art and Design.
– Atlanta, Southern Polytechnic State University, Spelman College, State University of West Georgia, and University of Georgia.

Cross registration credits count as resident credit and all grade requirements apply. (See Sections 1440, 1450, 1460, and 1480.)
Rationale:

The changes above bring GSU’s ARCHE requirements in line with those of the ARCHE program. The only substantive change is the addition of:

Students are limited to two cross-registered courses per semester, and the combined course load at Georgia State University and the host institution may not exceed 18 credit hours.

The rest of the changes merely codify and clarify existing practice.
Motion: The following is added to Section 1100 of the Catalog as a new subsection.

Definition

Move on When Ready (MOWR) is an opportunity for academically outstanding high school students to enroll as special non-degree seeking undergraduate students at Georgia State before graduation from high school. This program is designed to allow superior high school students to utilize university resources to provide extra enrichment and challenge to their junior or senior years. Unlike Joint Enrollment students (see section 1150), MOWR students must take all of their courses at GSU. MOWR students receive both high school and college credit for courses that are successfully completed at GSU.

Deadlines

Applicants must submit the application, nonrefundable application fee, and required documents by the appropriate deadline.

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Note: All deadlines are subject to change.

Admission Requirements

Because of the demanding nature of college-level course work at a research institution, MOWR students must demonstrate a high degree of academic potential and maturity. To be considered for admission, a student must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Have spent the entire year prior to MOWR enrollment at a Georgia high school.
- Be high school sophomore (to apply to be an MOWR student as a junior) or a high school junior (to apply to be an MOWR student as a senior).
- Obtain the approval of the student’s high school guidance counselor.
- Obtain the approval of the student’s parents or legal guardians.
- Complete all CPC requirements, with the exception of the units of high school which will be fulfilled through the satisfactory completion of approved Georgia State courses.
- Achieve a minimum high school GPA of 3.3 in college prep (CPC) courses. (Note: In Fall 2012 when Georgia high school go to a single diploma, CPC (College Prep
Curriculum) courses will be renamed “Required High School Curriculum (RHSC)” courses.

- Achieve a minimum SAT verbal/critical reading score of 530, or minimum ACT English score of 23.
- Achieve a minimum SAT math score of 530, or minimum ACT math score of 23.
- Achieve a minimum freshman index (FI) of 2700 for seniors and 2800 for juniors.

Students must also provide a copy of their most recent high school transcript showing all grades completed to date and a complete list of college courses required to complete high school graduation requirements. These documents must be signed by their high school guidance counselor.

Admission to Georgia State under MOWR does not imply admission to any other status. MOWR students who later wish to enroll at GSU outside the MOWR program must reapply.

Academic Regulations

MOWR students must follow the following academic regulations in addition to all the other academic regulations of GSU.

- They may not attend classes during the summer semester.
- They may attend for a maximum of two years (four semesters).
- They must be enrolled for either 12 or 13 credit hours per semester.
- The courses in which they are enrolled must meet their high school graduation requirements.
- They must pass any placement exams required for the courses they wish to take.
- They may not take any courses at any high school or at any other institution of higher education while enrolled in the program.
- They may not live on campus but may participate in student clubs and other student life activities.
- If they earn a grade of C- or lower in any class, they will not be allowed to continue in the MOWR program at GSU.
- College credits earned while in the MOWR program are transferable to other USG institutions.

MOWR students should be aware that they must meet all state high school graduation testing requirements, including End of Course Tests and the Georgia High School Graduation Tests. GSU courses are not designed to prepare students for these tests.

Financial Regulations

The MOWR program covers the full cost of an MOWR student’s tuition and fees (including lab fees). All other charges are the student’s responsibility.

The hours earned in college courses while enrolled in the MOWR program will not be counted in the maximum hourly cap for the purpose of calculating eligibility for the HOPE
scholarship or grants.
Rationale:

As required by a new Georgia Law, the BOR is implementing MOWR in Fall 2010. On April 1, 2010, the BOR required all institutions to submit their MOWR polices by April 15. The vast majority of the rules above are not under BOR or GSU control but are specified by state law. GSU does set the GPA, SAT, and FI requirements for admission. This motion sets those requirements somewhat higher than those in place for the other program that allows high school students to take GSU classes, the Joint Enrollment (JE) program. The admission requirements are set somewhat higher because MOWR students are required to take a full-time load of college classes while JE students typically take only one or two GSU classes.

The deadline dates match those of UGA and Tech.

The financial regulations noted above are for information only. The financial regulations for student enrollment are not within the purview of current Senate policies.
Notes re Outstanding Issues

It is not clear how the HOPE GPA will be calculated for MOWR students who finish the MOWR program and then enroll at a USG institution.

The process for billing DOE for MOWR students is not yet clear. It appears to be a form of third-party billing so we need to be sure that MOWR students are not inadvertently dropped.

The selection of courses (the Accel courses) offered by GSU is limited and may not be enough for many students to complete their high school degrees.