Committee on Academic Programs (CAP)
October 21, 2008

Present: Al Baumstark, Brendan Calandra, Carrie Manning, Bruce Pilling, Denise Donnelly, Don Reitzes, George Pullman, Irene Duhaime, Jeremy Diem, Jim Wolk, Kathryn McClymond, Kelly Timmons, Laura Kimble, Margo Brinton, Marti Singer, Mary Jo Dejoice, Michael Herb, Michelle Brattain, Paul Aberto, Rick Lakes, Sara Weigle, Shelby Frost, Timothy Renick, Xiaochun He

Guests: Walt Wilczynski [Neurosciences]

Call to Order
The Chair, Sara Weigle called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in Room 718, General Classroom Building.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of September 16, 2008 meeting were approved as distributed.

Motion from Graduate Council to approve Ph.D. in Neurosciences
Michelle Brattain, on behalf of the Graduate Council and Walt Wilczynski, Neurosciences, moved the approval to establish a Ph.D. program in Neurosciences. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Motion to approve variable credit for GSU 1010
Timothy Renick, Associate Provost for Academic Programs moved the approval to change GSU 1010 from a three hour course to a variable hours course (1-3). The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Agenda items for new GSU President
Paul Alberto suggested that committee provides topics for discussion with the new GSU President. The committee brainstormed and concluded the following topics for discussion:

- Core curriculum revision
- Retention issues
- Funding and support for increasing size of freshman class
- Process of academic program review at GSU and importance of action plans
- Recruiting and retaining a diverse faculty
- CTW initiative
- What plans (if any) new president might have for restructuring GSU
- Classroom scheduling; this issue related to adapting infrastructure to new technologies (e.g., online learning)
- Relationship between tenure-track and non-tenure-track faculty
- Funding for FLCs
- Research experience for undergraduates
- Need for additional laboratory space

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.