Attendees: Peggy Albers, Julie Ancis, Elisabeth Burgess, Pedro Carillo, Paul Ferraro, Christine Gallant, MaryAnne Gaunt, Olga Jarrett, John Peterson, Doug Podoll, Leslie Taylor, Jeremy Paden.

Absentees: Marva Carter, Pamela Hackbart Dean, Doris Derby, Susan Easterbrooks, Mary Finn, Elizabeth Firestone, Gary Longstreet, Linda Nelson, Cora Presley, Alaycia Reid, Natsu Saito, Rebecca Stout.

Committee members introduced themselves.

The minutes of the April 26, 2006 meeting were approved as read.

Acting Chair Christine Gallant reviewed for newcomers the committee duties according to the Senate Bylaws. Julie Ancis and Christine Gallant, co-chairs of the Climate Survey Subcommittee, updated the committee on official responses to the 2005 Undergraduate Racial Climate Survey. Julie spoke with the Provost about the Climate Survey Report, and reported that he said that there was a consistency between the findings of our reports and the findings of similar surveys recently given here. Julie added that he seemed very familiar with our report, and approved of our recommendations. Christine met last week with Paul Alberto, the chair of the Senate Executive Committee, to discuss the committee’s response to our report and Executive Summary of the report that will be distributed to the full Senate. He asked Christine to suggest more recommendations if possible that would assist in general student engagement, especially for white students. Christine said that when she sent this revised Executive Summary to him, she would also send a copy to the committee along with a revised Final Report.

Elisabeth Burgess noted that Douglas Covey will be the new Vice President of Student Services and thus will join the Committee upon his arrival.

Christine next discussed her proposed projects for 2006-07 that would be addressed by various subcommittees. She asked for volunteers to these subcommittees. John Peterson noted that Christine should also ask those not present to volunteer, for all should share in the work on the committee. These are the subcommittees for 2006-7:

A joint insurance Task Force with the Faculty Affairs Committee, Christine will chair this, and John Peterson will also serve from our committee. Christine said that she wanted to appoint a staff senator as well, as its liaison to Staff Council.

African American Male Initiative. This continues from last year. The Provost will inform us how he wishes to further implement this initiative from the Regents, but Christine asked for volunteers now so that it could begin work when notified. Peggy Albers and Paul Ferraro volunteered.

A joint Student Bill of Rights subcommittee with the Student Life and Development Committee. Dominique Huff, a GSU student who was also Managing editor of the Signal, had proposed this in the Signal last year. Christine emailed him about it, for several proposed sections related to student issues noted in our Racial Climate Survey. He said that he intended to ask the Student Life & Development Committee to sponsor it in
the Senate, since he would be a 2006-7 committee member there. Christine noted that SL&D chair Elisabeth Burgess was also a member of our committee, and that a joint subcommittee would help assure its passage in the Senate. Olga Jarrett and Leslie Taylor volunteered.

**Evaluation of past “Perspectives” courses and course guidelines.** A recommendation of our Survey Report was the evaluation of this course now in the Core Curriculum. Doug Podoll volunteered.

**Freshmen Learning Committees.** Another recommendation of our Survey Report was that the Vice President of Student Recruitment and Retention would confer with our committee about proposed FLC topics. No member volunteered.

**Administrative Support Unit Review (ASUR).** Our present committee liaison is MaryAnne Gaunt. The ASUR Committee asked our committee for an additional member to review the Office of International Student Services and Programs. Jeremy Paden volunteered.

Two other subcommittees from last year were Issues of Diversity for Faculty, chaired by John Peterson, and Issues of Diversity for Staff, chaired by Linda Nelson. John announced that his subcommittee was dissolved. Christine said that she would ask Linda, who was absent, whether she thought the subcommittee for staff should continue.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15AM

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