I. The minutes from the March 2, 2011 meeting were approved.

II. President’s Report -

- The Athletics Director will present annually in the fall at the request of the Athletics Committee.
- The Commencement Committee is considering having only one Commencement Ceremony per year. The ceremony would be held in the Spring beginning in the Fall of 2012. Some of the reasons for this change are: (1) the Falcons football games and the SEC Championship games force us into a mid-week ceremony, (2) increased traffic during the week; (3) the number of volunteers being taking away from the university. Having one ceremony would also be a large cost savings. The undergraduate students completing in the summer could walk in the May ceremony before completing after verifying that they have registered for the classes required to complete. The fall graduates would also walk in May. There would still be multiple doctoral hoodings a year. The policy on faculty requirements to participate in commencement would be revisited.
- The GSU Police and Atlanta Police are meeting weekly to share information on the recent robberies/muggings in the Aderhold-Rialto area. Overtime has been authorized for GSU police to put more officers on the streets at certain hours. Because of similar events in Piedmont corridor in the fall, a camera system has been installed.
- Ron Hunter was introduced as the new head Basketball Coach.
- The State of the University address is April 13, and Karl Gerth will be speaking on April 18 as part of the President’s invited guest seminar.

III. Provost Report –

- There are currently six ongoing searches. Three candidates for the VP for Research are on campus this week; two of the four candidates for the Dean of Nursing have been interviewed; the A&S Dean Search committee has identified four candidates to bring to campus for interviews; two candidates are being interviewed for the CTL; four candidates have been interviewed for the Dean of the Honors College, and two external candidates for the Vice Provost for International Initiatives are having interviews scheduled.
1. Motion to Move Spring break – The motion passed and placed on the Senate agenda.
2. Proposal to Amend the Repeat to Replace Policy was passed and will be an Information Item to the Senate.

B. Committee on Student Life and Development
1. Proposal to Amend the Student Code of conduct – The motion passed and was placed on the Senate agenda.

C. Committee on University Statutes and Senate Bylaws
1. Proposal to Amend the GSU Statutes, Article I: The University – The motion passed and was placed on the Senate agenda.
2. Proposal to Amend the GSU Statutes, Article VI: The University Senate – The motion passed and was placed on the Senate agenda.
3. Proposal to Amend the Senate Bylaws, Article VIII: Committees, Sections 5 and 6. The motion passed and was placed on the Senate agenda.
4. Proposal to Amend the Senate Bylaws, Article VIII: Committees, Section 11 – The motion passed and was placed on the Senate agenda.

D. Committee on Nominations

A proposal was discussed and recommended to add another effective retirement date (December 1, 2011) to the Career Transition Plan. President Becker will talk with Jerry Rackliffe.

Dean Nan Seamans will be invited to speak at the next Senate meeting.

Faculty Affairs received a suggestion from Student Affairs that there be no assessment of students before final week.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be immediately after the April 14 meeting of the Senate and the election of the new faculty members of the Executive Committee.