Minutes of the Senate Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting

October 1, 1997
Wednesday
1:30 p.m.
315 Alumni Hall

PRESENT:
Lauren Adamson, Tom Clark, Marsha Clarkson, Barbara Green, Juane Heflin, Ernest Larkins, Edith Manns, Gabor Patonay, David Pavesic, Richard Pillsbury, Julie Rainer, Charles Rutheiser, Brenda Smith, Roger Weed, Phil Wierson, Armenia Williams, and Bea Yorker.

ABSENT:
Catherine Brack, Missy Cody, Bernadette Hartfield, Julie Hotchkiss, Cennette Jackson, Bill Kinyon, Richard Miller, and Connie Rifkind.

ALSO ATTENDING:
Jim Bohanan

Approval of Previous Minutes
Chair Gabor Patonay opened the meeting by asking for any corrections to the minutes of May 19. On a motion by Roger Weed, seconded by Julie Rainer, the minutes were approved as presented.

Auxiliary Services
Jane Chatham, Director, Auxiliary Services, gave the committee an update on the activities of her office. She reviewed the plans for the use of the Panther Card. The university’s contract with AT & T calls for 24,000 cards to be in use by the end of the year. Eventually the card will be used for faculty and staff entrance to buildings during after hours periods and students will be able to charge for parking, bookstore and food services.

She advised that the bookstore had a new manager who was being more responsive to departments on book orders and services to students. She reminded the committee that starting in Fall Semester, 1998, there will be an online textbook ordering system where departments would be required to post their textbook orders when scheduling classes. A discussion followed about having to list textbook orders so far in advance of starting classes. Bea Yorker advised the committee about the costs of providing services to disability students that can be substantially reduced by advanced notice of textbook requirements. She also advised that several departments are already undertaking pilot trials of the new ordering system.

Jane Chatham advised that the Aramark Food Services new manager is Tony Murphy. Food services is planning the introduction of additional services such as Burger King in the near future.

She also advised that there have been some problems with the AAA Travel Services. She reminded the committee that using the service is not mandatory but the university does receive commissions from the its use. She also indicated that a survey of travel services will be undertaken this fall and that if anyone has used the services that she would appreciate a response to the questionnaire.

She also advised that MBS Printing will be the new copy center contractor. The present contractor did not live up to their original contract and the quality of services required. She indicated that refunds will be made on copying cards but advised that additional moneys should not be added to existing cards. Auxiliary Services is also investigating a way to have an additional copy center that will provide service for the colleges and departments on the west side of the campus.

There continues to be a $500,000 budget deficient with regard to transporation services. Starting with Fall, 1997 students are paying a $7 transportation fee to help defray the costs. The Turner Field
Suttle Service is provided free to students.

Auxiliary Services would like to address the transportation problems with a long term transportation plan based on economic incentives that would encourage the use of public transportation and alternative ways of traveling to campus. A transportation committee is currently working to provide information for the University Master Plan. The committee will advise on transportation issues for the medium and long term time frames. Dr. Chatham advised that the new enforcement program will help to get better control over existing parking spaces. She indicated that currently 1,600 parking passes have been issued for G-Deck which has only 1,000 spaces. Currently, new faculty and staff are assigned to the State Pete Hackney Deck at Decatur and Butler streets.

To make parking assignments more equitable, she indicated that she would like to study the possibility of eliminating parking waiting lists and assign future parking on the basis of seniority. She stated that she would advise the committee before any changes were initiated.

The university was recently cited in its financial audit for not bidding its parking contract. Consequently, there will be a bidding contract procedure initiated soon. The current contractor, United Parking, controls R and W lots which the university could lose if United does not receive the future contract. She indicated that Auxiliary Services was investigating alternative sources of parking for the western side of the campus.

Police Services

Police Chief Connie Sampson discussed the activities of the police department. She indicated that the current trends of a much larger campus can be for the most part attributed to the homeless population and some drug activity associated with Woodruff and Hurt Parks. She explained that when arrests are made that the perpetrators are usually released the next day after a court hearing. She advised that the department continues to give trespass warnings but there are too many thefts throughout the campus.

Chief Sampson discussed the car jacking that happened this summer and the sexual assaults that have occurred at the University village. She attributed them to alcohol and poor choice of associates.

She described the department’s new computer-aided dispatch system and the personnel turnover resulting from this operational change. She explained that the police did not have the personnel to use stationary watch stations but had to be available for patrol and emergency standby activities. She advised that the department now has two escort vans to assist people after hours. She indicated that the department will continue with the foot, bike and auto patrols in order to show that police are in the area and assistant people in need. She said that college campuses in general are safer than their surrounding communities.

Non-Tenure Track Faculty Study

Bea Yorker advised that GSU will participate in a Non-Tenure Track Faculty Study being undertaken by representatives from the University of Virginia and the College of William & Mary. She invited the Faculty Affairs Committee to have lunch on Friday, October 31 at noon to provide input for the study. Please advise Jim Bohanan at 1187 if you plan to attend.

Faculty Workload Subcommittee

Gabor Patonay advised that the Faculty Workload Subcommittee would meet on Tuesday, October 7 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 704, Urban Life Building.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

James Bohanan, Recorder

Please send questions or comments to Mary Nell Stone