Senate Faculty Affairs Committee
MINUTES
May 1, 2003

Members present: Glenn Abney, Gayle Christian, Bonnie Fritz, Marian Meyers, Jean Miller, Ted Poister, Jerry Rackliffe, Jim Senn, Cherian Thachenkary, Marta White.


The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by the chair, Bonnie Fritz. The first item of business was the approval of the April 2 minutes. They were approved without amendment.

The next item was subcommittee reports. Dr. Fritz stated that the Faculty Affairs Committee had been very productive this past year and she was proud to be the chair. Gayle Christian reported on the disruptive student policy, which was approved at the April 24 Senate meeting. She will work with Mary Nell Stone to make some corrections to the chart. In John Peterson's absence, Dr. Fritz reported that the domestic partner policy was approved by the Senate and is now in President Patton's hands.

Glenn Abney gave the report for the online evaluation subcommittee. The subcommittee will need to make a recommendation to the full committee in the Fall. He summarized the outcome of this semester's student evaluations. There was a link from WebCT to the online evaluations although the student still had to go through GoSOLAR to complete the evaluation. There was also a link from the Georgia State main webpage. Discussion continued on this item. There was some discussion about professors posting grades independently of WebCT or GoSOLAR.

Dr. Fritz reported that the non-tenure track senior lecturer policy was the only item tabled at the last Senate meeting. Cherian Thachenkary reported for the benefits subcommittee. The subcommittee has been monitoring the legislature regarding issues that would effect benefits. Dr. Fritz stated that the SGA smoking policy was approved at the Senate meeting. She also announced that Auxiliary Services needs a committee member to serve on a committee that will examine campus travel services. She asked for a volunteer to serve on this committee.

The next item of business was the election of the chair for the 2003-2004 Senate year. Because Dr. Fritz is retiring in the summer, she won't be available to convene the organizational meeting in August. She opened the floor for nominations. Cherian Thachenkary was nominated and seconded. There were no other nominations. The question was called and Dr. Thachenkary was elected chair for the 03-04 year. Dr. Thachenkary made some remarks regarding the upcoming year. He looks forward to a productive year. He thanked everyone for their support.

Gayle Christian made a motion to express the committee’s appreciation for Bonnie Fritz's hard work and excellent leadership during the year. The motion was passed by acclamation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Nell Stone
substitute recorder