The meeting was called to order by the chair, Murray Brown, at 10:08 a.m. The first item of business was the approval of the February 27, 2001 minutes. The minutes were approved with no changes. The committee assistant was thanked for her work in accurately transcribing the minutes of a complex meeting.

At its last meeting the committee approved several changes to both the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws. The items below were sent as one proposal to the Executive Committee:

University Statutes, Article VI, Section 4:

"Section 4. Organization. The University Senate shall have the power to make its own bylaws and policies consistent with the policies of the Board of Regents and with the Statutes, and through its bylaws shall establish appropriate committees as may be needed for the orderly and efficient handling of its business. Faculty members and students who are not members of the Senate may be included on all Senate committees except the Executive Committee and where otherwise specified. The majority of every committee shall be members of the University Senate. With the exception of the Fiscal Advisory Committee to the President, no more than twenty-five (25) percent of any designated standing committee shall be faculty who are non-elected members of the University Senate, non-elected senators who serve by virtue of office or are presidential appointees unless a temporary special case is deemed to exist and the exception is approved by the Executive Committee of the Senate. . . ."

Senate Bylaws, Article VII, Section 17A:

"17A. The Fiscal Advisory Committee to the President shall be composed of the Provost, the Vice President for Finance and Administration, one additional vice president selected by the remaining vice presidents, two deans selected by the Council of Deans, the Chair of the Senate Budget Committee two additional elected senators elected by a vote of the chairs of all Senate committees, the President of the Staff Advisory Council, and the President of the Student Government Association."

Senate Bylaws, Article VII, Section 13B:

"3. In order to comply with Article VI, Section 4 of the University Statutes, the Nominations Committee will report on the ratio of senators to non-senators, and on the proportion of committee membership that is non-elected Senators who serve by virtue of office or are presidential appointees for all standing committees of the Senate. Such a report will be submitted when the initial committee recommendations are made and any time that changes are proposed to committee membership."

The above proposal was sent back to this committee by the Executive Committee with the suggestion that the chair of the Planning and Development Committee be added to the membership of the Fiscal Advisory Committee to the President. To that end, Tim Crimmins moved that the Bylaws, Article VII, Section 17A state the following:

"17A. The Fiscal Advisory Committee to the President shall be composed of the Provost, the Vice President for Finance and Administration, one additional vice president selected by the remaining vice presidents, two deans selected by the Council of Deans, the Chair of the Senate Budget Committee, the Chair of the Senate Planning and Development, two additional elected senators elected by a vote of the chairs of all Senate committees, the President of the Staff Advisory Council, and the President of the Student Government
This motion was seconded. The floor was opened for discussion. Dr. Brown explained that the Executive Committee felt that by adding this person to FACP, the composition of elected faculty to non-elected faculty would be more in balance and this person would have an interest and expertise in this area. Dr. Crimmins added that the P and D Committee oversees the capital part of the budget and makes recommendations on the major and minor capital projects and the MRRF projects. Dr. Lederberg suggested that the P and D Committee should elect the member who will serve on FACP rather than stipulating that it is the chair of the P and D Committee who will serve on FACP. She indicated that this is how it's done with the Georgia State Research Foundation and it seems to work well for GSURF. Discussion centered on the P and D chair having the overall knowledge of the strategic plan and capital budget by serving on CBSAC and P and D versus the notion of spreading the knowledge and power out more among members of the P and D Committee.

Another issue that was discussed was that the chair of the P and D Committee could be a non-elected Senator. That would have a negative impact on the elected to non-elected ratio of FACP. It could be stipulated by this committee that the P and D Committee must elect an elected Senator to serve on FACP. Discussion continued. Dan Franklin observed that it could be that the purpose of adding the P and D Committee chair to FACP is to elevate the P and D Committee’s status. By stipulating that the person who served on FACP be a committee member and not necessarily the chair, it might send the message that P and D was not thought to be on the same level as the Budget Committee. The question was called. The motion to add the chair of the Planning and Development Committee to the Fiscal Advisory Committee to the President passed by a vote of 5 to 3 with one abstention.

There was discussion of how to accurately amend the rationale of the original proposal to allow for this change. After some discussion it was agreed to add the following to the previously submitted rationale: "The Chair of the Senate Planning and Development Committee is being added because this position brings expertise on strategic planning and capital budgeting and is likely to be an elected faculty member."

Since there was no further discussion or business, Dr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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