Senate Statutes and Bylaws Committee
MINUTES
March 24, 2004

Members present: Murray Brown, Tim Crimmins, Dan Franklin, Amy Lederberg, John Marshall, Tammy Sugarman, Leslie Williams.
Members absent: Tiffany Armstrong, Ben Baez, Tom Lewis, Peter Lyons, Ed Palmer, Marti Singer, Corneill Stephens, John Thomas, Carol Winkler.

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Amy Lederberg, at 10:10 a.m. The first item of business was the approval of the February 25, 2004 minutes. The minutes were approved with no changes.

The next item for discussion was the Senate calendar. The proposal was passed via electronic mail. Eleven committee members responded to approve it.

The next item was a proposal to amend the University Statutes, Article V. Section 1. The proposed sentence to be added at the end of the paragraph reads: “Titles of other principal administrators that hold ex-officio status for the purpose of eligibility to participate in the Regent’s Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) are as listed in the Faculty Handbook”. The Faculty Affairs Committee is sending forward a proposal to add similar language to the Faculty Handbook and a list of eligible titles. The floor was opened for discussion. Dr. Crimmins was concerned that the language as it stands at the end of the faculty membership section could affect Senate representation and it could have other unintended consequences that the committee hasn’t considered.

Dr. Crimmins moved to create a new section 2 in that Article to add this language. Subsequent sections will be renumbered. After much discussion it was agreed that this section would appear in the Statutes with the following language:

"Section 2. Ex Officio Faculty Status. Administrators may hold ex officio faculty status for the purpose of eligibility to participate in the Regents’ Optional Retirement Plan (ORP). The Georgia State University Faculty Handbook lists eligible administrative positions."

The motion was seconded and approved.

The next item of business came from an email Dr. Lederberg received from the Senate Office administrator. Mary Nell received a request from the Gerontology Institute for Senate representation. After a review of the Statutes regarding Senate membership, it was unclear what status an institute has with regard to Senate representation. There was much discussion about the various institutes at the university. It was agreed that faculty members who hold their rank in a particular institute should be the ones eligible to serve as a senator from that unit. A number of issues arose from this discussion and it was agreed that the Senate Executive Committee would be consulted.

Since there was no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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Committee Assistant