
The Chair, President Carl Patton, called the meeting to order at 3:25. The Chair announced that a quorum had not been reached and that calls were being made to remind senators to attend. The order of the agenda was changed to allow time for their arrival.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Programs and Continuing Education (APACE) (Dave Vanko) Not realizing that committee reports would be given at this meeting, Vanko said that he had not prepared a formal report. However, the APACE committee, as well as the Graduate and Undergraduate Councils, have been busy. A full report of the activities will be made at the next meeting.

Admissions and Standards (Hugh Hudson) There are two resolutions to be presented to the body today. These are not substantive changes. A subcommittee of Admissions and Standards has been reviewing the admissions requirements and transfer requirements of the university. The committee will be bringing before the body soon recommendations that are more substantive. Resolution One is concerned with the recentering of SAT scores according to the new SAT formula. This keeps admissions requirements as they are and only reflects the new recentered SAT scores. Resolution Two would set the undergraduate admissions application deadline dates back somewhat to be more in line with those of the University of Georgia and the Georgia Institute of Technology. An explanation of this is attached to the resolution materials distributed.

Budget (Fred Massey) The written report of the Budget Committee was presented as a handout. Massey said that he would gladly respond to questions.

Athletics (Valerie Miller) Athletics met once. The committee has a new attendance policy that they will be presenting to the Student Life and Development Committee. Perhaps by spring quarter, the committee will have a policy to bring to the Senate.

Commencement (Carl Patton) It is the aim of the committee to bring high-quality speakers to the Georgia State commencements. For the upcoming March commencement, Veronica Biggins, who is just leaving the White House as Personnel Director, will be the speaker. For both of the June commencements, Governor Zell Miller will be the speaker.

Committee of Chairs (Paula Stephan) The Committee of Chairs has met once winter quarter to discuss matters concerning the Strategic Plan.

Cultural Diversity (Christine Gallant) No Report.

Executive Committee (Paula Stephan) The Executive Committee has been meeting twice a month; recently, most efforts have been devoted to the Strategic Plan.

Faculty Affairs (Gabor Patentay) The committee has no resolutions to present today but has been quite busy working on several issues such as the format for the faculty annual report, faculty workload policy, and several other issues. There will probably be resolutions to present in the spring.

Library Advisory (Steven DuPouy) The committee met on January 19. The committee discussed the fiscal year 1996 budget and the library use survey currently being conducted. An outline for the handout for new faculty orientation was examined and
suggestions made as to materials that should be included to facilitate faculty members' use of the library. The next meeting of the committee will be March 9, at 2:30 p.m. (a change in the time).

Nominations (Bob Sattelmeyer) No Report.

Planning and Development (Tim Crimmins) No Report; Crimmins had stepped out of the hall to facilitate the attainment of a quorum.

Research (Dave Boykin for Chuck Derby) The research committee has met several times. It has completed the review of the Gerontology Center, the Center for Brain Science and Health, and the Center for Neuro Communication and Computation. Recommendations on these three centers have been forwarded to the Provost. Two other centers are currently under review. These are the Center for Environmental Science and the Center for Business and Industrial Marketing. As Gabor Patonay reported, both the Research Committee and the Faculty Affairs Committee have been involved in the development of a new faculty annual report form. Subcommittees have dealt with review of quality improvement fund proposals and will shortly be looking at the Chancellor's Initiative fund proposals. Next quarter, two topics will be on the committee's agenda: (1) review of scientific policy, and (2) review of the intellectual copyright policy document. Both of these have been forwarded to the committee from the Research Office.

Statutes and Bylaws (Sheryl Gowen) The committee has a resolution before the body today to change the name of the Division of Developmental Studies to the Division of Learning Support Programs in the Statutes and Bylaws. More substantive resolutions are anticipated for the spring.

Student Discipling (Valerie Miller) The committee has not met for some time, but will be meeting soon on the academic honesty policy procedure.

Student Life and Development (Ramsay Scott) The committee will have two resolutions to present to the Senate body in the spring: (1) a change in the Bylaws concerning the charge of the committee to reflect the changes in the university since the document was written; (2) a recommendation to increase the number of voting student members on the Senate.

A quorum not yet being attained, the business of the Senate was temporarily suspended while awaiting the arrival of the voting members necessary to conduct business and bring matters to a vote. The suspension of business was between 3:35 and 3:47 p.m.

The Chair reminded all members in the hall that if they had not signed the attendance card originally attached to their name badges, that they should do so. These cards are used to determine the count for the quorum.

A quorum having been attained, the meeting was resumed at 3:47.

The Chair announced the scores from the Trans-American Basketball Tournament for the first game: Georgia State 71, Samford 57.

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 3, 1994, and the February 9, 1995, meetings of the Senate were approved.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

The chair said that, although it had just come to light, there had been a rape on campus in January. This was an isolated event; those responsible were a roving group of youths. Police patrols in the decks have been increased. He encouraged everyone to exercise caution when going to remote areas, people should walk together or call the police for an escort. He asked that everyone caution their colleagues and students. The university will continue to work with the City of Atlanta on this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

The chair called on Paula Stephan, Chair of the Executive Committee of the Senate, who suggested that, while a quorum was present, attention be given first to the Strategic Plan. The chair agreed. Stephan outlined the procedure to be used. Tim Crimmins will make a motion to adopt the Strategic Plan. This will place the item on the floor and business can begin. She explained changes that were brought to the Executive Committee. They were classified as either editorial or substantive. Of the editorial changes, the committee recommended making the majority of the changes; there were some that they did not recommend. She proposed that the body vote on the seventeen recommended editorial changes as a block. She proposed that the body vote individually on the four not recommended if the person bringing the change to the committee so desires. Next the Senate will consider the substantive amendments and then the Strategic Plan itself. Stephan asked Crimmins to address the body.

Crimmins, as chair of the Planning and Development Committee, made a motion for the adoption of the Strategic Plan. The action did not require a second because it was a committee report.
Stephan said that with regard to editorial changes, the seventeen editorial recommendations by the Executive Committee were distributed with a title indicating these. Some are grammatical, some are spelling, some add a program or a qualifier that the committee felt would enhance the document. (She reported that the document misspelled Caribbean; this would be corrected.) She made a motion that the recommended editorial changes be included in the Strategic Plan. There was no discussion. The question was called and the motion passed.

Stephan said that there were four editorial changes that the Executive Committee did not recommend. She again suggested that these be considered individually if the person submitting the change so wished. She called on those submitting the changes in the order that the changes appeared on the document distributed.

Stephan called on Fred Massey concerning the first and second items. Massey said that he bowed to the will of the Executive Committee.

Stephan then called on Dave Pavesic concerning the third item. Barbara Ray said that Pavesic was out of town but that he very much wanted the suggestion to be considered. Stephan pointed out that Dr. Pavesic's letter was attached to the materials; he asked that the word "tourism" be included on page 19, line 38. Ray made a motion that this addition be made; the motion was seconded. Stephan said, as the chair of the Executive Committee, that the reason that the committee did not recommend the addition, was that the place where it was suggested as an addition was a broad area and that the suggestion seemed to be out of context in that part of the document. There was no further discussion. The question was called and the motion was defeated.

Concerning the fourth editorial change, Stephan recognized Dr. Ray. Dr. Ray said that she spoke to the body at the last meeting and that her comments were accurately reflected in the minutes. Her concern was one of treatment of the section dealing with interdisciplinary programs and concern that there was little mention of the historical involvement in education, research, and service at the institution. She stated that many in the hall had participated in the interdisciplinary area and had made a major contribution to the development of the institution and will play a role in its future. She wanted to have more historical information added in that section of the document. Therefore, she suggested that the information precede the information about current activities; that is followed by a sentence about future interdisciplinary efforts at the university. She made a motion that the suggestion in her letter (attached to the listing of editorial changes not recommended) be made a part of the Strategic Plan. The Senate Chair asked for discussion. Stephan stated the Executive Committee's rationale. She explained that, again, this suggestion was a specific item concerning interdisciplinary programs. Ray said that she found the section to be very specific and included specific programs. She added that had the section been worded in more general terms, it would not have gained her attention as much. Priya Sharma, the student senator from Public and Urban Affairs, suggested that reference in this section be made to the programs of her college. Diane Fowlkes spoke in support of the change suggested by Ray. She liked the idea of giving a history of what has been done at the university; she wished to make a friendly amendment -- that reference to the African American Studies program be capitalized. There was no further discussion. The question was called. The motion was carried.

Stephan said that there were two substantive amendments recommended by the Executive Committee. One concerned the adoption by the Senate of an Action Plan; the other was a housecleaning amendment if the first amendment passed. Stephan moved that the wording on page 21, lines 28-34 be deleted and that the amendment appearing in the materials distributed ("Massey change 7") be substituted. This amendment starts with "the next step in implementing the Strategic Plan." The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. Tayloe Harding asked for an editorial change in the fifth line of the substitute material. He suggested on the fifth line following the word "University," that a comma be added or that a period be added and the word "and" deleted. This was taken as a friendly amendment.

Ellen Podgar said that she saw "Massey change 7" as being opposite to the philosophy that is initially presented on lines 36 through 39. The amendment presented by Dr. Massey would not allow for an open process; it would not be a matter of oversight, but rather a matter of micromanagement. The Senate should play an important role here. She felt that the amendment being proposed stripped the provost and president and others who are not represented on certain committees of any meaningful role. She said that all need to work as partners; that is the object of the Strategic Plan. The president and provost represent important perspectives and need to be a part of this process as opposed to the Senate taking a position of micromanagement in the implementation of the Strategic Plan. It is also important to have representation in this process to maintain an open process. The smaller colleges are not represented meaningfully on these committees. Those from smaller colleges need to realize the importance of what they are signing onto here.

Crimmins spoke in favor of the amendment. He said that, first, the Executive Committee endorsed the amendment, and that neither the president nor the provost issued a minority report. Secondly, it is important to realize that the senate committees that will be considering the Action Plan are the ones that considered the Strategic Plan. There were representatives on the Strategic Planning subcommittee from all units of the university. Third, it is the provost that crafted the approach to the preparation of the Strategic Plan, and it is the provost that plans to follow the same method in developing the Action Plan. Massey pointed out to the body that
the Action Plan will contain very important items, principally the priorities and the funding to be associated with them. These will have a tremendous impact on academic programs. This body needs to be involved in discussing that. Therefore, he spoke in favor of the amendment. There was no further discussion. The question was called. The motion passed.

Stephan presented the second substantive change. She said that it is necessary to delete lines 36-39 on page 21. Having passed the first amendment, these lines no longer made sense in the document. The question was called. The motion passed.

Crimmins called for the question on the Strategic Plan as amended by this body. The motion carried.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Paula Stephan said that there were two resolutions from the Admissions and Standards Committee. The Executive Committee recommended a do pass on both. She called on Hugh Hudson, chair of Admissions and Standards.

Resolution 1: Changes in the Current Minimum SAT Scores (Hugh Hudson) Hudson said that he spoke to these briefly in giving his committee report earlier. He moved that the resolution be passed. The motion was seconded. In discussion, a question was asked about the change. Hudson replied that the SAT scores have been recentered to reflect a student body that is different from the student body that initially was the basis for establishing the scores; that was the student body about 1948. This will reflect a new scoring based upon a student body that presently takes the SAT which is much larger than the body that took the test in 1948. The university must have a mechanism for viewing the new scores. If we do not make this change we will not be able to interpret the scores. This is not a change; this is just what the new scores are compared to the old scores. The motion passed.

Resolution 2: Changes to the Undergraduate Admissions Application Deadline Dates (Hugh Hudson) Hudson moved the adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Resolution 3: Change of the Name of the Division of Developmental Studies to the Division of Learning Support Programs (Sheryl Gowen) The resolution is in response to a Board of Regents requirement that Developmental Studies change its name; several options were given. Learning Support Programs was the one chosen at Georgia State. This is simply changing the wording in the Statutes and Bylaws to reflect that change. Gowen moved the adoption of the motion. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Paula Stephan said that as Chair of the Executive Committee and as a matter of personal privilege, she would like to present a resolution to the Senate. She read the following:

"Whereas Carl Patton serves as President of Georgia State University, and
Whereas President Patton represents the interests of Georgia State University to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, and
Whereas the University System of Georgia has defined the missions of its constituent institutions, and
Whereas the Strategic Plan establishes a research mission for Georgia State University,

Be it therefore resolved that the University Senate commends President Carl Patton for his leadership in presenting to the Chancellor and Regents a convincing case for the inclusion of Georgia State University with the Georgia Institute of Technology, the University of Georgia, and the Medical College of Georgia as one of the four research universities of the System."

The body affirmed the resolution by their applause. Dr. Patton expressed his appreciation.

Paula Stephan called on Tim Crimmins. Crimmins introduced a companion resolution as follows:

"Whereas, Ronald J. Henry has demonstrated leadership in initiating, developing and perfecting drafts of the Strategic Plan for Georgia State University; and
Whereas, Ronald J. Henry has demonstrated collegiality by consulting effectively with various focus groups of faculty, chairs, associate deans, deans, and sundry committees of the University Senate about changes in drafts of the Strategic Plan; and
Whereas Ronald J. Henry has demonstrated an understanding of the importance of working cooperatively with the University Senate on issues related to the governance of Georgia State University; and
Whereas, the University Senate has just approved the Strategic Plan,

Be it resolved that the University Senate extends its appreciation and gratitude to Provost Ronald J. Henry for his leadership, his collegiality, his understanding, and for a task well done."

The body affirmed the resolution by their applause.

Dr. Massey moved that both resolutions be adopted by the Senate. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The resolutions carried unanimously.

The chair thanked the body again for the above resolution, stating that it was a pleasant surprise. He expressed thanks to all present also for remaining through the work of the day; he stated that he did not want to pass a document as important as the Strategic Plan without having a quorum.

ADJOURNMENT: The body adjourned at 4:15.

Carolyn Robison, Secretary
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