
Non-Voting Members: Sharon Coleman, Jennifer Lund, Rob Sheinkopf, Matt Stinson, Sandra Storrar.

The Chair, President Carl Patton, called the meeting to order at 3:13.

MINUTES

The minutes of the March 2, 1995 meeting of the Senate were approved.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

A ceremony was held yesterday to recognize years of service by Georgia State faculty and staff. Dr. Patton thanked everyone for their loyalty and service to the university.

The Faculty/Staff Giving Campaign is going very well. The President thanked those contributing. He said that it made his job a lot easier when he was trying to raise money outside the university, because potential contributors ask how well Georgia State people support the campaigns. Both this campaign and the Rialto campaign have been very successful.

Concerning the Freaknik/Freedomfest activities in Atlanta recently, Dr. Patton said that he spoke to several groups on campus including the Administrative Council as well as the Chancellor and Georgia Tech officials. The decision was made to keep the university open because Georgia State is in the business of providing education and not stopping it. At 10:00 a.m. on the Friday of the event, the Governor of Georgia closed all downtown state buildings including Georgia State and Georgia Tech effective at noon. Since this was an executive order, we complied. But the university was reopened on Saturday; we had important exams to administer as well as ping pong tournaments. Everything scheduled went fine. There were a few unfortunate incidents, but Georgia State was not involved. We had a full police staff around the clock. Dr. Patton emphasized that Georgia State does have an emergency plan of action.

The Presidential Scholarship program continues to have great success. We were successful in recruiting five of our top eight finalists from among Georgia's finest students. We put together packages to attract these good students.

Dr. Patton called attention to the 114 flags hanging overhead in the hall. He said they represented the 114 countries represented in our student body. The International Students festival was being held all week and the international talent show will be in the recital hall on April 28.
The "Downtown Hoedown" was announced; the event is to be Friday, May 5, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Depot. Dr. Patton asked Dr. Brenda Smith, co-host with Susan Goodroe, to tell more about the event. Smith explained that the party had been planned by a group of about 20, including two professional party planners. There will be entertainment, dancing demonstrations, a country radio "DJ", food, and an auction. They currently have over 100 people signed up and hope to have 200. She promised everyone would have a good time and that the affair was to benefit the Presidential Scholarship fund. The cost per person is $20.

NEW BUSINESS

Paula Stephan, Chair of the Senate Executive Committee, announced that there were three resolutions from the Admissions and Standards Committee for which the Executive Committee recommends a "do pass." Hugh Hudson, Chair of Admissions and Standards, presented the resolutions:

(1) Resolution from the Committee on Admissions and Standards concerning New International Admissions Deadlines. The motion carried.

(2) Resolution from the Committee on Admissions and Standards concerning Advanced Placement Credit through the International Baccalaureate Program. The motion carried.

(3) Resolution from the Committee on Admissions and Standards concerning Maximum Hours of CLEP Credit. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Programs and Continuing Education (APACE) (Dave Vanko) A summary of the committee's actions taken by APACE since the fall quarter meeting was distributed as a handout at the meeting. He invited questions; there were none.

Admissions and Standards (Hugh Hudson) A report from the committee was distributed as a handout at the meeting. Dr. Hudson said that they had formed a subcommittee this year to look at present admission requirements. They had much help from Provost Ron Henry, Associate Provost Paula Dressel, Vice President Jim Scott, and Jim Prather, Director of Institutional Research. He thanked them for their assistance. He said that at the last committee meeting the members voted on the eight items on the handout. These will go to the Executive Committee and be presented at the fall quarter Senate meeting for a vote. These are reasonable expectations based on past student data. He asked for questions; there were none.

Athletics (Valerie Miller) No Report.

Budget (Fred Massey) The written report of the Budget Committee was presented as a handout. Massey invited questions and comments; there were none. He thanked two subcommittee chairs, Dan Franklin and John de Castro, for much hard work during the year. He also thanked the deans for their attendance of the Budget Committee during the year. He announced that the next meeting of the committee would be Thursday, May 4.

Commencement (Carl Patton) The committee is working toward a number of changes. The gym will be renovated this year and this will give opportunities for changes in the commencement exercises. In this process, the lower seats will have to be removed totally, not just row by row. This will prevent any photographs being taken in the future by guests, but photographs can be purchased through the university at a reasonable cost. Also, there will now be a time for reflection instead of invocation.

Committee of Chairs (Paula Stephan) The committee met on April 20. Three major items have been discussed: (1) the size of Senate committees -- after much discussion, most feel that committee sizes are reasonable especially on committees which make use of subcommittees; (2) the Senate calendar -- some feel that spring quarter is too compacted and is not an efficient use of time; and (3) the possible addition to the
Senate structure of a committee on computing and technology.

**Cultural Diversity** (Christine Gallant) The committee met monthly and tried to find how staff are affected by cultural diversity and what avenues are open to staff. They formed a subcommittee chaired by Lin Inlow to develop a survey for information gathering. The subcommittee recommended that an external consulting firm conduct ten focus groups among the staff. The committee needs funding for this effort and would prefer to conduct the project during this summer quarter. A question was asked as to why it included only staff and not faculty. Gallant said that the committee had focused on faculty and students during 1993-94 and focused on staff during 1994-95. They are not neglecting faculty, but are focusing on staff at this time.

**Executive Committee** (Paula Stephan) The committee has met three times since the last Senate meeting. They have considered recommendations and resolutions and discussed new buildings. The Senate Office is investigating ways in which electronic communication can be utilized to distribute committee minutes.

**Faculty Affairs** (Gabor Patonay) Dr. Patonay said that the work of the committee had been relatively uneventful since the last meeting of the Senate. They have discussed teaching workload; this has been forwarded to the Executive Committee. The committee continues to work with the Research Committee through joint subcommittees. The next meeting is Monday, May 1; the work will center around the University Promotion and Tenure policy.

**Library Advisory** (Steven DuPouy) The committee has met twice since the last Senate meeting. They discussed the new faculty library use guide that will be ready for fall, 1995. Also discussed was the periodical service center and the changes that this center will entail for the Library North on the third floor. All changes will be explained to faculty and all volumes will still be available. An additional item of business was the Chancellor's library initiative; this will allow the library to have on-line, full-text access to over 1,000 core academic journals for students and faculty, will convert the remaining card catalogs to machine-readable form and permit electronic requests from faculty and students. During the April 18 meeting, a more detailed explanation of the changes in periodicals was discussed. At the same time, Dr. Russell, University Librarian, gave the committee a detailed description of the endowment fund and how several of these endowment funds have grown over the last five years. Also the survey of the library hours was highlighted. The committee charged the chair with notifying President Patton of the need to increase the base budget of the Library for fiscal year 1996. This increase would allow the Library to meet the inflationary costs of journals and to continue to purchase monographs and books. At the same time higher funding of the base budget would decrease the Library's dependence on year-end funds. This request has been sent to the President, the Provost, and to the Chair of the Budget Committee.

**Nominations** (Bob Sattelmeyer) The new Nominations Committee was appointed in February, 1995. The committee is chaired by Bill Rushing. Dr. Rushing said that the committee met on April 25 to prepare the slate of nominations for only elected members. Appointed members and students will be added as available for a full slate.

**Planning and Development** (Tim Crimmins) No report.

**Research** (Chuck Derby) The committee has met twice. They have met twice since the last meeting of the Senate concerning the review of research proposals. Last time they reported that two centers had been approved by the joint APACE/Research committees. These were the Center for Brain Science and Health and the Center for Neurocommunication Computation. Since that time Dr. Patton has sent a letter to the Board of Regents suggesting approval. They are currently reviewing two other center proposals, the Center for Environmental Research and the Center for Ethics. Open hearings for these will be held May 10 and 11. At the next Research meeting on May 22, they will make a recommendation. Another issue the committee has been working on with a joint committee from Faculty Affairs is the faculty annual report. This has been submitted to the Executive Committee. The committee has also been working on additional ways to fund
graduate students. May 5 is the deadline for the dissertation grant program applications. The committee has recently formed with Faculty Affairs a subcommittee dealing with two policy documents from Cleon Arrington, the intellectual copyrights document and a scientific integrity document.

**Statutes and Bylaws** (Sheryl Gowen) The committee has met once since the last Senate meeting. They have had lively discussion about the reorganization of the Senate calendar and the reorganization of the Administrative Council. The discussions will continue.

**Student Discipline** (Valerie Miller) No Report.

**Student Life and Development** (Ramsay Scott) No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS**: None.

**ADJOURNMENT**: The body adjourned at 3.42.

Carolyn Robison, Secretary

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