
ORDER: The chair, President Carl V. Patton, called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 2, 1995 meeting were approved.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

President Patton remarked that there were many positive things going on at the university. Ralph Russell, University Librarian, was selected by the Association of College and Research Libraries of the American Library Association as the recipient of this year's ACRL Academic Research Librarian of the Year award. The award will be presented to him at the ALA national Conference on July 8. One example of the excellence achieved by our students is that our chemistry students continue to score well above the national norm on standardized tests. On the nations Chemistry 121-123 exam and the Organic Chemistry 340-342 exam, our students again scored 20 to 25 points above the national norm. Both faculty and students are to be congratulated. In the area of athletics, this past Saturday the men's basketball team won over Mercer. The women's basketball team won a doubleheader over the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. The women's golf team took third place in the Mardi Gras Invitational, and our wrestling team won its final meet to complete a winning season. This was the best day or weekend in Georgia State athletics history according to the local sports reports. Our athletes continue to excel academically as well. In the area of Olympics news, Joanne Nurss of Educational Psychology and Stacey Morrison of Human
Resources have been selected to carry the Olympic torch because of their outstanding involvement in volunteer efforts. David Martin and the Laboratory for Elite Athletic Performance were featured in USA TODAY last week, covering his research and help to Olympic level runners. Georgia State is moving ahead in physical facilities. Last month ground was broken for the new university center; the building should be open in 18 months. Also, the Rialto Theater will have its grand opening on March 23. Maureen McGovern and the Rialto Pops orchestra will be featured. Georgia State is getting more and more news coverage; we are getting more inches in print now than other universities are carrying the message to our constituents. The departments of University Relations, Editorial and Design Services, Office of Marketing and External Affairs, and the College of Business Administration together received eight awards from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The honors included awards for the Campus Life TV advertising, the STATE OF BUSINESS magazine, the University Identity Program, and THE SOURCE.

President Patton said that we were saddened by the death of Police Chief Jim Dearing last year. The new Chief has come on board this week. President Patton introduced Police Chief Connie Sampson. Chief Sampson came to us from the University of Georgia where she was the Assistant Chief; she holds a graduate degree from Georgia State. Chief Sampson said that she looked forward to meeting everyone and hoped that everyone would feel free to come to her with all concerns, seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

The Downtown Improvement District (DID) police force is now being developed. They will have fifty new officers by the end of March. The officers will be headquartered on the first floor of the Equitable Building. Georgia State is fortunate to have them so close to campus and directly across from the School of Music in the Rialto.

The City of Atlanta and Georgia Power have come to an agreement to privatize the street lights downtown. About one third of the lights are out in the downtown area. They will be getting these back on soon. He asked anyone who knew someone in Georgia Power to give them our thanks.

NEW BUSINESS:

The chair noted that there were two motions in the materials distributed to be discussed. He called on Paula Stephan, Chair of the Executive Committee of the Senate.

MOTIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Paula Stephan said that there were two motions from the Committee on Admissions and Standards. The Executive Committee recommended a do pass on both motions. She called on Paul Wiita, Chair of Admissions and Standards. Wiita presented the motions:

1. **Quarterly and Cumulative Honors**. Passage of this motion would give the university two levels of honors instead of one. This is more similar to what is offered at sister institutions. This is very
little change from the current policy. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The
question was called. The motion passed.

2. Academic Renewal Policy. This policy has actually been forced on us by the Board of Regents
as a System-wide policy. Our Catalog copy should be in agreement with other institutions and with
Regents policy. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The question was called. The
motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

APACE (Dave Vanko, Chair): The committee has met three times since the last Senate meeting.
Program Reviews: Ongoing program reviews are for the Departments of Sociology, Social Work,
and Early Childhood Education by the Academic Program Review Committee. Program reviews
have been initiated for the School of Nursing and the Departments of Biology, Chemistry, and
Applied Linguistics and English as a Second Language. Center Reviews and Center Proposals:
There are ongoing reviews by the joint APACE and Research Subcommittee on Center Review.
New Program Proposals: The committee recommended approval of a preliminary proposal from
the Department of Physical Therapy for a new entry-level Masters in Physical Therapy (MPT).
Other Actions: Recommended approval to rename the Master of Health Administration degree to
the Master of Science in Health Administration. Recommended funding decisions for the Quality
Improvement Fund Instructional Grants. Discussed and provided input to the Timetable and
Guidelines for Semester Conversion.

Admissions and Standards (Paul Wiita, Chair). In addition to today’s actions, the subcommittee
and the full committee approved a TOFEL score of 525 for non-native speakers to substitute for a
score of 61 on the Regents reading exam. This will benefit students who are doing very well in their
course work, some having as high as a 3.8 GPA but must take a prep course repeatedly to attain
the necessary score on the Regents Reading Exam. The subcommittee is looking for an equivalent
score on the GSTEP exam and some approval on this is expected next quarter. A subcommittee is
looking into a workload document and will make some suggestions to the Provost before the end of
the quarter. They had five petitions in the fall; three were approved, one denied, and one
postponed. In winter quarter, they have had two petitions and both were denied.

Athletics (Dan Franklin, Chair). No Report.

Budget (John de Castro, Chair). The committee has met twice since the last Senate meeting and
has discussed a number of subjects. These included the Proposed Recreation Center Pro Forma
Analysis and Student Poll; Campus Master Plan; the HOK Study of campus space utilization;
Campus Technological Development and the budgetary implications; Practical Approaches to
Rightsizing; Budget Guidelines for FY 1997; Attainment of Carnegie Research II Status and budget
implications; Appropriation of Contingency funds; Redirection of funds both internally and
proposals for Statewide redirection funds; FY 1997 Funding Projections; and FY 1997 Redirection
Targets. All committee chairs have been asked to submit budget suggestions and the community is
also welcome to make budget suggestions for FY 1997.
President Patton thanked John de Castro for going with Ron Henry, Bill Decatur and him to the Chancellor's Office this morning to present both the university's suggestions on the redirection and the university's tentative budget.

Commencement (Carl Patton, Chair). The committee continues to work toward making commencement exercises more pleasant for everyone and to bring in outstanding speakers. The speakers for the next two commencements have been chosen. The speaker for March 24 at 3:00 will be Jackie Ward, President of Computer Generation. On Saturday, June 8, the speaker for the morning will be Ben Canada, Superintendent of Atlanta Schools and the afternoon speaker will be Bill Ide, the past president of the American Bar Association. The ticket system for graduates has worked well. Every family has a chance to have seats in the main area. President Patton has received good "fan mail" about this system. University System units can now award honorary doctorates. Suggestions have been received and the committee is considering these. The first may be awarded in the fall of 1997.

Committee of Chairs (Paula Stephan, Chair). The group met February 15 and the chairs exchanged ideas about the current work of their committees. The subject of most discussion was about excused absences of athletes for approved University activities. The Student Life and Development Committee and the Athletics Committee are working on this issue jointly.

Executive Committee (Paula Stephan, Chair): The committee has met six times since the last Senate meeting. They have discussed, among other subjects, the evaluation process, the structure of search committees, semester conversion, and the selection of reorganization committee members. The six members selected are Fred Jacobs, Hugh Hudson, Fred Massey, Stephanie Summers, Sid Crow, and Jeff Rupp.

Cultural Diversity (Edi Guyton, Chair): No Report.

Faculty Affairs (Gabor Patonay, Chair): The committee has met three times since the last Senate meeting. Subjects of discussion have included: (1) formation of a university Promotions and Tenure Committee; a document has been forwarded to the academic deans and Dr. Henry; they decided that the committee should give more thought to their suggestions, so this will be revisited in the future, (2) the calendar and periods for work and consideration within the appeals process have been discussed and recommendations have been given to the Executive Committee; it is hoped that these can be brought before the Senate in the spring, (3) a faculty workload policy, (4) evaluation of administrators -- questionnaires are being fine tuned, (5) scientific misconduct policy - work is in progress with the Research Committee.

FACP (Ron Henry, Chair): The committee has met on numerous occasions. Most of the time has been spent on both System redirection and internal redirection. They have set some targets which have gone out to the deans and the vice presidents. They are trying to do a three-year plan of redirection of $11 M. They have targets in the first year of about $7 M of the $11 M. Some of these
were presented to the Budget Committee about a month ago. To those targets we had an opportunity to request money of the Board of Regents; it's called the $19 M workload money. This money is usually awarded to campuses that have earned it with the best quarter credit hour increases and best space usage. This year they have changed the policy. We must put in a request or put in a proposal of how they would spend a portion of this money; the request is limited to ten percent of our budget ($12.1 M). It did not seem sensible to request $12 M of a total pool for 34 institutions of only $19 M. So we have only requested $3.5 M. Vice Presidential budget hearings will take place from March 8-23.

Library Advisory (Dennis Thompson, Chair): The committee has met twice and has discussed (1) storage of periodicals published before 1975 in very limited Library space, and (2) a system proposed by some of the Library staff, primarily Mary Monroe in the Collections Division, for rapid document delivery with access to over 30,000 periodicals.

Nominations (Francis Rushing, Chair): No Report.

Planning and Development (Tim Crimmins, Chair; reported by Committee member): The items discussed include: (1) Implications of the HOK report for the Master Plan; (2) Possible sites for a suburban campus (3) Issues of space allocation needs and (4) Action Plans of the Strategic Plan. The action plans are in draft form and the committee hopes to bring it before the Senate in the spring.

Research (Chuck Derby, Chair): The committee met twice and discussions included: (1) Internal grants committee - (a) update of reviewers used in reviewing the various grant programs and (b) modified CIF proposal procedures for the CIF funds, and (2) the center review subcommittee has three programs under consideration with APACE. They are working with the Faculty Affairs Committee on the Academic Misconduct Policy; the present draft is not up to par; there are two different documents circulating and one is more up to date than the other; finally, (3) Associate VP for Research -- have been visiting with candidates and will meet on March 4 to recommend a candidate.

Statutes and Bylaws (Sheryl Gowan, Chair): The committee has met twice. Discussion included (1) name changes resulting from reorganization that cause changes to the Statutes and Bylaws, (2) a Senate Committee on Computing, which may be brought before the Senate at the Spring meeting, and (3) full representation of non-tenure track faculty. There may or may not be a report on this in the spring.

Student Life and Development (Kurt Keppler and Said Schwarz, Co-Chairs; report by Keppler): The items under discussion in the committee have included the new student center, food service contracts on campus and in the new village, student travel, advisory boards for the new student center and for housing, MARTA discounts, and a proposed excused absence policy.

Student Discipline (Al Smith, Chair): No Report.
OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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University Senate

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