
ORDER: The chair, President Carl V. Patton, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the February 22, 1996 meeting were approved.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

President Patton presented remarks concerning the university budget received from the Chancellor and the Legislature, pointing out that this was the best budget ever received by the university. The university is well positioned, and the budget reflects the value and importance of the university. Dr. Patton met with the Chancellor on April 24, thanked him personally for the budget awarded, went over the many recommendations he had considered concerning the budget, and discussed how the funds would be utilized. Dr. Patton will follow up with a report, matching the university requests.
in the presentation with the Chancellor's initiatives and the allocations made. This will underscore the fact that we are serious about the priorities of the Regents and about the reallocations made. The redirection was difficult, but the Chancellor's Office recognizes that we took the directive seriously. Dr. Patton expressed his thanks to everyone who worked on the redirection including the members of the Budget Committee, the members of the Fiscal Advisory Committee to the President, Provost Ron Henry for his work on the initiatives, and Bill Decatur for his presentation to the Chancellor and his staff. Dr. Patton pointed out that we had some difficulties in working with the Regents staff in the past; however, there have been some changes in the staff and Bill Decatur has developed a fine working relationship with the current staff. Thanks were also extended to Tom Lewis who escorted the President widely around Georgia to visit with Regents and Legislators. This help resulted in a strong budget and support for the university. In the INSIDER this week, President Patton listed the areas for which he received recommendations and the areas to which the funds should be allocated. This is an opportunity to implement the Strategic Plan and make some major steps forward. He encouraged faculty who had an opportunity to see the Chancellor, a Regent or a Legislator to express thanks for the budget award. He also expressed thanks for the Governor's continued support in salary increases.

NEW BUSINESS:

The chair noted that there were several motions in the materials distributed to be discussed and that all were recommended by the Executive Committee of the Senate with a do pass.

MOTIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Chair called on Paul Wiita, Chair of Admissions and Standards to present motions. Dr. Wiita presented three motions:

1. **Academic Calendar, 1997-98.** This calendar is for the last year that the university will be on the quarter system. In this calendar, fall, winter and spring quarters all begin on Mondays, and there are no overlaps between class days and exam days. For the summer quarter, it is proposed that there be only one six-week session rather than a six- and an eight-week session. This is necessary because the first semester session will begin much earlier than a fall quarter, probably beginning on August 24. This calendar allows for a break between summer and fall sessions. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The question was called. The motion passed.

2. **Academic Guidelines for Admission of Students with Special Talents.** The main objective is to allow faculty and staff input into the admission decision for a small number of students each year who do not meet our regular admissions requirements. At the present time, the Dean of Admissions has complete authority to admit students as exceptions. The Dean proposed a change in the authority to spread it more throughout the faculty; the Committee agreed. There are very few people now who have been specially admitted; they typically are people in music or art who have very clear talents but who have some units missing in some academic areas. A committee would assess the student to determine if s/he has a chance of succeeding in the degree program. The number so admitted would be capped at one percent of all new and transferred admissions. Anyone turned down would have the right of appeal through the Vice President for Student Life.
The motion was seconded. There was brief discussion about the accountability of the effort; it was pointed out that the committee would make the decisions and that reports would be disseminated to deans and chairs concerning the numbers of students and the results. The question was called. The motion passed with one negative vote being cast.

3. **Recalculation of High School Grade Point Averages.** This program is to recognize high school honors, advanced placement, and international baccalaureate courses and to recalculate the grade point average. At the present time, when considering the entering GPA, the university discards any additions the high schools may have added, physical education classes, and any non-academic core classes. Added to this is a fraction of the SAT verbal and math scores to result in a predicted GPA. What the Committee would like to see put into effect is a method that would raise the predicted GPA's of students who are taking advanced placement courses or international baccalaureate courses by one point (a B in these courses would be equivalent to an A in other courses). If they took an honors course recognized by the high school, the grade would be raised half of a quality point. The rationale for this is to encourage the students to take the hardest possible courses; students are now afraid to take challenging courses in fear of compromising their GPA. This change in policy would affect very few students because almost all students taking the advanced courses would have high enough GPA's to gain admittance to Georgia State. However, as our standards rise in the future, this could change. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

The next motion was presented by Dan Franklin, Chair of the Committee on Athletics, jointly on behalf of the Committee on Athletics and the Committee on Student Life and Development:

4. **Policy on Class Attendance.** The policy has been under consideration for about two years. They have surveyed other colleges and universities, including the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech. This policy is similar to those of most other universities. Dr. Franklin moved that an amendment to the original motion be approved. The amendment is to provide for an annual report by the Department of Athletics and by the Dean of Students as to the number of students. This report would be presented to the Committee on Student Life and Development. The motion to amend the original motion was accepted. The original motion as amended was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

The last motion was presented by Bob Sattelmeyer, Chair of the Senate Executive Committee. [Note a change in the committee chair effective April, 1996.]

5. **University Reorganization Including (1) Dissolution of the College of Public and Urban Affairs and Distribution of Existing Departments and Other Units Currently in the College, Effective June 30, 1996, and (2) Creation of the School of Policy Studies, effective July 1, 1996:** This issue has been discussed widely, positions taken, and hearings held for several months. What has emerged from the Executive Committee is a compromise. The motion was seconded. Ahmed Abdelal and Bikram Garcha spoke in support of the motion. Reassurances were given by Provost Henry re the prefixes of courses, especially those with the BA prefix. Sam Deitz made a motion to amend the original motion; the amendment would be to initiate a committee to
search for a dean to be appointed and to drop the five-year-term stipulation. The question was called on the amendment. The amendment motion passed. A second amendment to the original motion was moved by Dave Vanko to insure that the Senate APACE Committee and the full Senate be involved in the fifth-year evaluation of the proposed School of Policy Studies, assuring that full program reviews on existing degrees be conducted in time for the evaluation. Vanko moved to amend the executive committee’s reorganization motion by adding a sentence to the last paragraph after the second sentence, to read as follows: "In the third year, programs that existed at the time of inception of the School will begin a cycle of university academic program review following the normal procedures as developed and implemented by the Senate APACE Committee." The amendment was seconded. John Thomas spoke against the implementation of another self study so quickly after the recently completed review. Vanko replied that this would, indeed, shorten the review cycle to five rather than seven years, but that this was necessary in light of the changes made in reorganization. An examination of the effect on the programs should be considered. The question was called on the second amendment. The second amendment motion was passed. A senator asked the Senate Chair to comment on what effect the creation of the new School of Policy Studies would have on the rest of the university financially, since one of the reasons for the reorganization was financial redirection. The Senator expressed that there was not enough information to make such a decision without the financial segment. Provost Henry responded to the concern. Specifically, over one million dollars has been eliminated by the first part of the motion [i.e., dissolution of PUA, etc.]. The unit is being replaced by a School of Policy Studies, the administration of which has been allocated approximately $340,000 in the budget. The initial impetus for the reorganization was not totally fiscally driven; it was driven at least a year ago as the Strategic Plan was developed. The first part concerning PUA was driven by redirection, but the stronger focus on policy studies was driven by the Strategic Plan. A motion was made to vote on the original motion as amended by secret ballot. The motion for a secret ballot was passed. Discussion followed concerning how abstentions would be treated under Roberts Rules of Order. It was determined that these should be treated as invalid votes. The Senators marked their ballots, the ballots were collected and tallies were begun by Senate Office tellers. Meanwhile, the group continued with committee reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

APACE (Dave Vanko, Chair): The committee has met twice since the last Senate meeting. Program Reviews: Program reviews for the Departments of Sociology, Social Work, and Early Childhood Education by the Academic Program Review Committee have been forwarded to the Provost. A program review has been initiated for the Department of Marketing. A request from the Department of Applied Linguistics and English as a Second Language has been granted to postpone their self-study with the understanding that APACE will revisit the issue during fall, 1996. Center Reviews and Center Proposals: Ongoing reviews by the joint APACE-Research Subcommittee on Center Review. New Program Proposals: None. Other Actions: Approved a revision for the Faculty Handbook regarding program reviews. Recommended additional funding decisions for the Quality Improvement Fund Instructional Grants.

Admissions and Standards (Paul Wiita, Chair). In addition to today’s actions, the committee has approved offering of credit for the Dante examinations. These are the exams offered by the armed
services and are quite similar to the CLEP exams. This matter should come before the full Senate at the next meeting. The committee has also approved a GSTEP score of 23 on the reading part of that examination to provide another option for non-native English speakers to substitute for the Regents reading examination. The committee is also looking at enrollment management and several other items. There have been five petitions before the committee this quarter; two have been accepted and three are still pending.

Athletics (Dan Franklin, Chair). At the spring meeting, the committee discussed the excused absences policy. This is the full extent of the committee's work so far this quarter.

Budget (John de Castro, Chair). The committee has met three times since the last Senate meeting and has discussed a number of subjects. These included the redirection plan and recommendations for the FY1997 allocations. These recommendations have been sent to the president and the Fiscal Advisory Committee to the President. The committee recently finished review of the recreation center proposal and will be sending this to the executive committee.

Commencement (Carl Patton, Chair). The university is now able to award two honorary doctorates per year. The committee has reviewed the recommendations received and these have been passed on to the staff of the Chancellor's Office. These will be reviewed by the Regents. We have three candidates for awards, two this year and one next year. Additional recommendations will be requested. In terms of commencement speakers, the next commencement will be Saturday, June 8. Benjamin Canada will speak in the morning and William Ide, past president of the Atlanta Bar Association, will speak in the afternoon. On Saturday, August 31, Jack Nelson, the Washington correspondent for the LA TIMES, will speak at both commencements.

Committee of Chairs (Bob Sattelmeyer, Chair). Dr. Sattelmeyer reported that he would combine the reports of the Committee of Chairs and the Executive Committee. The Committee of Chairs met recently to continue the discussion concerning the reorganization. There are at least two issues that have not been addressed this year that will come to the first new Senate meeting of the spring. These concern the recommendation for the establishment of a permanent Senate Committee on Information Technology (or Computing) and the action plan developed by Planning and Development for the Strategic Plan. There may be an issue from Faculty Affairs as well on the next agenda. Also, they are looking forward to the administrative council retreat next week, discussing issues of general concern to the university. If Senators have particular issues they wish to have discussed at this retreat, they should contact Bob Sattelmeyer.

Cultural Diversity (Edi Guyton, Chair): The committee has met three times since the last Senate meeting. They continue to try to get information about admission and retention of minorities and international students. They have received the oral report from Lineberger and Associates based on staff issues and cultural diversity issues. The results are interesting and could have a profound effect on the university. The committee has also worked with the Faculty Affairs committee on a statement concerning amorous relationships at the university; the statement will probably be presented at the next Senate meeting.
Faculty Affairs (Gabor Patonay, Chair): The committee completed the questionnaires for the evaluation of administrators and these have been distributed. These should have been returned by now. Dates for administering student evaluations of faculty were discussed as was post tenure review of faculty. After discussion, the committee agreed that the GSU Policy of Promotion and Tenure (pages 9-10) and the development of tenure-tract faculty (also pages 9-10) approved by the Senate earlier was sufficient concerning the formation of post tenure review issues.

FACP (Ron Henry, Chair): The committee continues to meet on a regular basis. They are pleased that the recommendations last week have been accepted by the president on the allocation. For information, a net amount of +$4.8 M has been allocated this year. That net amount is all going to academic affairs or research and sponsored programs. The other vice presidential areas have had a minus $4000 in allocations. So there has definitely been a shift in allocations. There is still much work to be done this quarter. Allocation of the contingency funds has not been done. There will also be the year-end sweep. The committee is just beginning to look at the auxiliary budgets; they must look at the presentations made and make recommendations to the president.

Library Advisory (Dennis Thompson, Chair): They continue to examine proposals submitted by Mary Munroe in the Collections Division; the hope is to advance our university to Research University Status at a reasonable cost. We will examine more detail at the May meeting.

Nominations (Francis Rushing, Chair): No Report.

Planning and Development (Tim Crimmins, Chair): The committee has three subcommittees at work. First is the Capital Budget Space Allocation Committee which is in the process of reviewing and making recommendations for the capital budget items that will be sent forth to the Regents. Currently the list contains four buildings; the top priority is a classroom building. Second is a business/office building somewhere downtown; third is an additional laboratory building; fourth is a building for Physical Plant. These proposals have been sent forth to the Regents. In addition, the committee is looking over recommendations for renovation/repair money which comes from the Regents for systems such as roofs, air conditioning, and heating. The second committee is the Strategic Planning Committee. They plan to present at the next Senate meeting the action plan which is a more detailed follow up of the strategic plan approved last year. The Strategic Plan calls for the Action Plan to be brought before the Senate for its approval. They will also be bringing a motion for Senate consideration to allow the P&D Committee each year in the fall to approve the action plan which is updated each year by the Strategic Plan. That would be used for discussions of budget allocations in the spring semester. The third subcommittee is the committee investigating a metro site; there is no recommendation for that location yet. A consulting firm has identified about a dozen potential sites in the northern metro area that fit the criteria of accessibility to transportation, parking and large enough space; discussions are currently underway to see which of the identified sites have more potential. There is not so much a deadline for a report as a process of which negotiations for the potential sites look the most interesting. The critical issue is the time when space at North Metro Center is no longer available.

Research (Chuck Derby, Chair): There are four items of discussion from the last meeting. (1) Discussion concerning indirect costs rate. Bob Boatwright talked to the Committee; most of the
discussion focused around the proposal to increase the rate by about 25 percent -- from about 39 percent to over 60 percent. (2) Subcommittee on Research Centers: main item is to clear up the list of research centers, many of which clearly are not research centers. The objective is to provide appropriate evaluation. (3) Internal Grants Review Subcommittee: They are working to update the list of qualified reviewers for the various internal grant programs. (4) The last item is informational; we do now have an Associate Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs, Don Reitzes.

**Statutes and Bylaws** (Sheryl Gowan, Chair): The committee has met twice since the last Senate Meeting and has heard several proposals. Two of these fall into the same category in terms of how we have acted on them. One is to allow staff senators to be voting members of the Senate and the other is to change the formula for student representation on the Senate. The Committee believes that these are issues that need more public conversation with the Senate and has passed these along to the Executive Committee. The committee tabled the motion to create a Senate Committee for Computing; this will be revisited next year. The committee also formed a subcommittee to consider a substantially long and ever-growing list of changes to the Bylaws; they will begin making recommendations to the full Senate concerning changes at the next meeting.

**Student Life and Development** (Kurt Keppler and Said Schwarz, Co-Chairs; report by Keppler): The committee has met twice since the last Senate meeting. They worked on four items outside the agenda items today: (1) new student center policies and regulations and getting prepared to develop some proposals on how it should be run in terms of space allocation and administration; (2) the ten o'clock break and the potential impact if that were to change; (3) the role and scope of the student organizational advisor; (4) the student activity budgets which will be going to FACP next month.

**Student Discipline** (Al Smith, Chair): No Report.

The Senate Chair reported to the body the results of the voting on the Reorganization Motion. The vote count was 62 voting "pass", 27 voting "no pass", and two abstentions. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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Lauren Stephens, Recorder
NOTE: These are summarized minutes. An audio tape of the meeting and copies of all materials are on file in the University Senate Office.