
ORDER: The chair, President Carl V. Patton, called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the last meeting was suspended.

BUSINESS:

The chair announced that this was a special called meeting of the Senate to consider the reorganization of the Division of Learning Support Programs (LSP) and reminded the body that no other business could be addressed. The chair called on Dean Marjorie Girth, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Reorganization for the Division of Learning Support Programs. Girth reported that the Committee met for two days in June, 1995, to consider the organizational relocation of LSP effective October 2, 1995. The resolution as distributed for this meeting read: "Moved that the Division of Learning Support Programs becomes the Department of Learning Support Programs within the college of Arts and Sciences, effective October 2, 1995." The Executive Committee recommended a do pass. The motion was seconded.

Provost Ronald Henry spoke to the rationale for this move; a copy of the rationale was attached to
the call for this meeting. Henry said that one of the main reasons was that it is very important to set up a university-wide learning support council. We must be involved much more heavily in retention efforts; we will probably see a directive from the Board of Regents on this. The Division of Learning Support Programs has done a good job until now, but it is everybody's job in the university, particularly those involved in the introductory core courses, to help retain students and make them successful graduates. Also, another impetus is a University System of Georgia policy direction. They have set up a task force on admissions; part of the recommendation the committee is considering is to reduce significantly the number of developmental studies students; this would be to about one half of a percent of the incoming class of the university. This will change the character of retention in universities. These two factors led him to believe that it would best to move the division to a department in Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Henry said that with regard to the present faculty in the division and their promotion and tenure, one person is coming up for promotion and tenure now. The procedures for this individual will be as in the past; that is, this person will be considered by the Division and a recommendation made directly to the Provost's Office since this is in the middle of the cycle. The next person is two years away from promotion and tenure (Fall, 1997), and at that time the person will come up through the Arts and Sciences procedures. There will be a joint decision concerning which of the four committees in the College is appropriate to move on this issue due to the various disciplines in LSP.

Dr. Henry commented that concerning Promotion and Tenure in general he was very pleased last year that, through the Committee on Faculty Affairs and the Senate body itself, the previous document was modified and a new Promotion and Tenure document was produced. This is in effect now and it strengthens our procedure.

Dr. Henry said that he supported the motion on LSP and offered to answer questions. Dr. Patton also invited questions. Dr. Tim Crimmins said that as the chair of a department that has a joint program with the Division of LSP, he supported the motion. For two and a half years, the Department of History has had a joint course in American History. Dr. Katharine Stone, Acting Director of LSP, spoke in support of the motion on behalf of the Division; she felt that it is the right direction for the Division and the University.

The question was called. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30.

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Carolyn Robison, Secretary
University Senate

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

Please send questions or comments to Mary Nell Stone