UNIVERSITY SENATE

May 9, 1996


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

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 25, 1996 meeting were approved with the following correction. Page 3, Item number five, should read as follows "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...". The word "effect" was left out.

NEW BUSINESS:
Election of the 1996-97 Executive Committee: The following Senators were nominated from the floor:

Carol Winkler, Arts and Sciences
Edi Guyton, Education
Stephanie Summers, Health Sciences
Amy Lederberg, Education
Fred Jacobs, Business Administration
Bill Waugh, Policy Studies
Tom Clark, Business Administration
Robin Morris, Arts and Sciences

A senator asked if each nominee would make a statement. The chair indicated that last year was the only year nominees had made statements. After a brief discussion it was decided that no statements would be made. The chair asked that everyone complete his or her ballot; the ballots were collected to be tallied. While waiting for the results, the chair continued with new business.

Report of the Nominations Committee. Bill Waugh, chair, presented the Nominations Committee recommendations, which consisted of the list distributed by mail and the amendments distributed at today's meeting, for approval. The committee recommendations were approved.

MOTIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President Patton stated that there were three items being presented for consideration by the Executive Committee and that a "do pass" was recommended.

Motion to approve the Action Plan for the Strategic Plan presented by the Planning and Development committee; Tim Crimmins, chair. Dr. Crimmins moved for the adoption of the action plan of the Strategic Plan. He stated that last year when the Strategic Plan was approved it was agreed that the Strategic Plan would be updated annually with an action plan. It was also agreed at that time to bring the first action plan to the Senate. He explained that the resolution that follows asks for a change in the process so that each year the action plan will be approved only by the Planning and Development committee in the fall quarter/semester. This would then become the basis for budgetary decisions made in the winter quarter/spring semester. The motion passed.

Resolution for the process of the Annual Revision of the Action Plan for the Strategic Plan from the Planning and Development committee; Tim Crimmins, chair. Dr. Crimmins moved for the
adoption of the resolution that would have the annual revision in the fall quarter/semester by the Planning and Development committee. The resolution passed.

Recommendation from Faculty Affairs; Gabor Patonay, chair. Revision of the Civil Rights and Equal Employment Opportunity Statement. The current statement reads, "Georgia State University provides equal employment and educational opportunities for all individuals without regard to race, sex, age, religion, color, national origin or disability." The recommended revision calls for the inclusion of the phrase "sexual orientation" in the Equal Opportunity statement. Several other universities, nationally and in Georgia, have already included "sexual orientation". No discussion followed. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: No committee reports were given.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(1) Committee chairs need to hold their organizational meetings for the 1996-97 senate year within the next ten days.

(2) The committee chairs announced their committee’s organizational meeting dates and times.

(3) Dr. Keppler announced that student committee appointments were not available yet because student elections were just held, but names will be provided by June 1, 1996.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

SUSPENSION: The business of the meeting was temporarily suspended while votes for the Executive Committee were tallied. The body was reconvened. The results of the election of the Executive Committee were as follows:

Edi Guyton
Amy Lederberg
Fred Jacobs
Stephanie Summers
Robin Morris
Carol Winkler

RESOLUTION: The following resolution was offered by Bob Sattelmeyer, chair of the Executive Committee.
RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF PAULA STEPHAN

WHEREAS, Paula Stephan has chaired the Senate Executive Committee giving unstintingly of her time; and

WHEREAS, as chair of the Executive Committee Paula Stephan has advanced faculty governance; and

WHEREAS, Paula Stephan has been a voice of reason and accommodation in advancing University issues; and

WHEREAS, Paula Stephan is alas retiring as chair of the Senate Executive Committee,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE SENATE COMMEND HER FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY.

The resolution was approved with applause.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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Carolyn Robison, Secretary
University Senate

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Please send questions or comments to Mary Nell Stone