MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE
February 19, 1998

PRESENT:


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

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 30, 1997 meeting were approved with no amendments.

REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT: The President remarked on three major areas of his activities over the past few months. Both the President and Vice President Lewis have been working with the Legislature on the pay increase pool, the funding for our GR A projects, the new classroom building, and retirement issues. The President has been involved in fundraising, particularly for the new classroom building, and it has been going well. In addition, the capital campaign and related alumni events have been successful. The President has also been working with the Board of Regents recently. It is anticipated that the proposal for the relocation of our North Metro center to Alpharetta will be presented to the Board at their March meeting. Dr. Patton is planning to have the new Recreation Center on the Board's April agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: The Senate Executive Committee recommends a do pass on all motions.

1. Motion to add three student representatives to the Information Systems and Technology Committee presented by the Statutes and Bylaws Committee; Sheryl Gowen, chair. This committee considers the technological needs of the student body and therefore student representation is necessary. The question was called. The motion passed.

2. Motion to change the description of duties of the Committee on Nominations presented by the Statutes and Bylaws Committee; Sheryl Gowen, chair. This corrects the language cited...
in the duties section to state that the Nominations Committee does not select candidates for the Fiscal Advisory Committee to the President. The question was called. The motion passed.

3. Motion to **correct the titles cited in various committees' memberships listings** presented by the Statutes and Bylaws Committee; Sheryl Gowen, chair. This updates various administrator titles cited in the Bylaws to reflect their current usage. The question was called. The motion passed.

4. Motion to **change the wording of the duties of the Admissions and Standards Committee** presented by the Statutes and Bylaws Committee; Sheryl Gowen, chair. Policies regarding enrollment management will now be included in the stated duties of this committee. The question was called. The motion passed.

5. Motion to **codify the recording and dissemination of Senate and Senate committee minutes** presented by the Statutes and Bylaws Committee; Sheryl Gowen, chair. Minutes of all Senate committees, including the Executive Committee, will be made available in a timely manner. The question was called. The motion passed.

6. Motion to **make available the minutes from the Deans Group and the Presidential Staff Meetings** presented by the Statutes and Bylaws Committee; Sheryl Gowen, chair. These minutes would be made available in a timely manner to the Senate Office for campus-wide dissemination. The question was called. The motion passed.

7. Motion to **add an additional duty to the Committee on Planning and Development** presented by the Statutes and Bylaws Committee; Sheryl Gowen, chair. This will add the Administrative and Support Unit Review process review to the duties of this committee. The question was called. The motion passed.

8. Motion to **amend the May 8, 1997 Nominations Committee report** presented by the Nominations Committee; Ellen Podgor, chair. This updates the current list of Senate committee memberships to reflect recent changes. The question was called. The motion passed.

9. Motion to **repeal the academic residence requirement for graduation with honors** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This will drop the upper-division residence hours necessary to qualify for honors from 90 to 60 quarter hours. This means that the residence requirement and the honors residence requirement will be the same. The question was called. The motion passed.

10. Motion to **modify the rounding of the GPA calculation for honors at graduation** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. The GPA to qualify for honors at graduation is currently carried out to four places while the GPA cited on transcripts and PACE evaluations is rounded and carried out to two places. This will modify the honors GPA to be the same as the one that appears on other official student documents. The question was called. The motion passed.

11. Motion for a **policy on semester transfer shortages** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. There are three issues included in this motion: 1) the Academic Assistance Offices will have the ability to waive no more than 2.5 semester hours for bachelor’s degree transfer students; 2) no minimum number of semester hours in each core area will be imposed on a student as long as hours shortages in the core areas can be offset appropriately elsewhere in the curriculum; 3) course by course completion of
requirements will be utilized for transition students. "Apparent" hours shortages that result solely from the application of semester system credit will continue to be expressed in quarter hours. The question was called. The motion passed.

12. Motion for a **policy on semester transfer of University System core classes** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This motion defines "full transferability" of the core as: a) completing all or part of a University System core under the quarter system and transferring to GSU under the semester system; b) a GSU student completes the quarter system core at GSU and chooses to update to a semester system catalog; c) a GSU student completes the quarter system core at GSU and is required to change catalog editions to the semester system curriculum. The question was called. The motion passed.

13. Motion to **change the method of admitting students** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. A new subcommittee under the Admissions and Standards Committee will be formed called the Enrollment Management Committee. This subcommittee will be charged with setting enrollment targets each year and monitoring the progress towards meeting those targets, meeting the BOR's 2001 requirements, and meeting the goals set out in the SACS strategic focus document. Although this subcommittee will set enrollment targets, the Senate will set admissions minima. The question was called. The motion passed.

14. Motion to **form an upper-division admissions committee** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. A new subcommittee under the Admissions and Standards Committee will be formed called the Upper-Division Admissions Committee. This subcommittee will make recommendations concerning the upper-division admissions requirements of departments, colleges, and schools. The question was called. The motion passed.

15. Motion for a **policy on admission appeals** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This policy states the procedure for consideration of appeals for admission denials. The question was called. The motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**APACE** (John Newman, chair): The committee has met three times since the last Senate meeting. The Quality Improvement Funds subcommittee reviewed proposals and recommended to the Provost funding for 14 proposals totaling $269,907. The committee reviewed recommendations/suggestions from the SACS Steering Committee and a number of follow-up activities have been identified in preparation for their site visit. The committee voted to approve two requests from the College of Education: 1) to deactivate the BS in dance degree and 2) to establish a collaborative program with UGA in Education of Deaf/Hard of Hearing.

**Admissions and Standards** (George Rainbolt, chair): In addition to the items brought forward today, the committee is considering several items: possibly raising the minimum TOEFL score required, academic standing issues, Regent's Test requirements and international students, developing a policy that states that faculty supervise all coursework, forming a transition requirements taskforce, and developing a resolution on the plus/minus grading system utilizing the feedback from the student survey.
Athletics (Dan Franklin, chair): The committee met on February 3 and discussed the graduation rates and grade reports of the student-athletes and the shortfall in the Athletics budget for this year.

Budget (John de Castro, chair): No report.

Commencement (Carl Patton, chair): The committee has sent two names forward for honorary degrees to the Board of Regents for approval. The speaker for the March 29 commencement is Lisa Delpit. The committee has been addressing the issues surrounding the semester conversion and the graduation ceremonies.

Committee of Chairs (Carol Winkler, chair): This committee has met once since the last Senate meeting. The committee voted to recommend to the Statutes and Bylaws committee that the Senate be called to meet a minimum of four times a year under the semester system. The committee members provided updates from their various committee. Dr. Winkler recognized the work of the Library Advisory Committee in bringing the electronic delivery of journals to the university. Recognized in particular were the chair, Dennis Thompson, and Mary Munroe, Carolyn Robison, and Charlene Hurt.

Cultural Diversity (Sheryl Gowen for Maria Valeri-Gold, chair): This committee will be analyzing and reporting on diversity in central administration, reviewing the status of the ombudsperson position, and reviewing the document on recruitment and retention of African-American faculty.

Executive (Carol Winkler, chair): In addition to discussing today's agenda items, the committee approved the final drafts of the SACS compliance and strategic focus self-studies and the NCAA self-study. The committee also discussed the need to fill the ombudsperson position, library security issues, the possibility of including staff evaluation in administrative review, and semester conversion concerns. The committee received updates on the capital campaign, the new classroom building, the master planning process, and the North Metro campus.

Faculty Affairs (Gabor Patonay, chair): The committee has been working on several items: the evaluation of administrators, the conflict of interest document, evaluating whether the university can keep more than the eight 403b plan providers, the workload policy (currently with the Dean's Group), academic freedom issues, and the ombudsperson position.

FACP (Ron Henry, chair): The committee is meeting frequently and is involved with the redirection. The committee is reviewing the various requests from the Vice President's and Dean's areas. Acknowledging that this was not related to FACP, Provost Henry announced that both names submitted for Teaching Excellence Awards were accepted and will be recognized for teaching excellence: Harvey Brightman and the EPSE Department. Fred Massey asked the Provost about GSU's proposal to the Board of Regents regarding the fee structure. Dr. Henry stated that all institutional fee requests should be on the Board's April agenda. He then explained GSU's unique fee structure and the Board of Regent's requirement that GSU move to a plateau fee structure with the semester conversion.

Information Systems and Technology (Bill Nelson, chair): The committee has met three times since the last Senate meeting. The committee has been discussing action priorities and recommendations of the IS&T new funding requests. They have been establishing the action
plan for FY00 and have passed a policy statement on student computer use in coursework.

**Library Advisory** (Philo Hutcheson for Dennis Thompson, chair): The electronic delivery of journals by fax through the Carl UnCover system is working well. The committee is examining the strategic plan concentrating on collection development and library services.

**Nominations** (Ellen Podgor, chair): The committee compiled the list of committee changes that were voted on at today’s meeting.

**Planning and Development** (Vijay Vaishnavi, chair): Dr. Vaishnavi was elected to replace Tim Crimmins as chair of this committee. The committee has been developing the documents that were distributed for today’s meeting: the 1998 action plan narrative for the strategic plan, the action plan for recommendations/suggestions from SACS Steering Committee, the status report for the 1997 action plan for the strategic plan, the summary of 2000-2004 capital projects requests, the summary of regular and regulatory MRRF list, and the classroom building connectivity revision. The master planning process is in progress and is expected to be completed by summer.

**Research** (Chuck Derby, chair): The committee elected three new members to the GSU Research Foundation: Robin Morris, Dave Boykin, and Amy Lederberg. The committee voted to continue to support efforts to make GSU a premier state-supported research institution by supporting the growth of federal and non-federal research programs and reaching Carnegie I criteria within ten years. The committee is finishing its review of two existing centers and will have their recommendations at the next meeting.

**Statutes and Bylaws** (Sheryl Gowen, chair): In addition to the items brought forward today, the committee is reviewing the changes needed in the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws to reflect the semester conversion.

**Student Discipline** (Bill Waugh, chair): It has not been necessary to meet so far this year.

**Student Life and Development** (Tameka Harper, co-chair): The committee has approved 18 new chartered student organizations, revised judicial policies, discussed the chartering Alpha Omega, and discussed the ad hoc fee committee recommendations.

**OLD BUSINESS**: None

**ADJOURNMENT**: There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Carolyn Robison, Secretary
University Senate

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Please send questions or comments to Mary Nell Stone