MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE
May 8, 1997

PRESENT:


ORDER:

The chair, President Carl Patton, called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

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The minutes of the April 24, 1997 Senate meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of the 97-98 Executive Committee. Dr. Patton reviewed the procedures and stated that Carolyn Robison will list the nominees on the board. The floor was opened for nominations. Once the nominations were closed, the chair asked the Senators to complete their ballots. The ballots were collected to be tallied. While waiting for the results, the chair continued with new business.

2. Nominations Report presented by Nominations Committee; Ellen Podgor, chair. Professor Podgor presented the report as distributed and stated that there may be some amendments from the floor. Tim Crimmins requested that Joe Fisher and Harry Wyatt be added to the Planning and Development Committee and that Hugh Hudson be added to the Admissions and Standards Committee. Scott Owen was nominated to the Information Systems and Technology Committee. Julie Rainer was nominated to the Faculty Affairs Committee. Ellen Podgor accepted all of these nominations as friendly amendments. The motion to approve the report as amended passed.
Amy Lederberg stated that the Executive Committee recommends a do pass on all motions.

3. Motion to approve DANTES Credit presented by Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt for Paul Wiita, chair. These are credits based on exams taken by military personnel in the course of their military service. Other University System institutions allow DANTES credit to be used as degree credit. The committee will be reviewing the records during the first year that Georgia State begins accepting this type of credit-by-exam and may make revisions to the acceptance criteria if necessary. Fred Massey had a question about the total number of credit hours allowed. George Rainbolt stated that the credit-by-exam credit hour limit, as stated in the Catalog, would apply to DANTES credit as well. The question was called. The motion was approved.

4. Motion to Change the Statutes presented by Statutes and Bylaws Committee; Sheryl Gowen, chair. Dr. Gowen went through the list of proposed changes. Amy Lederberg stated that the Executive Committee suggests a friendly amendment to Section 25 concerning sexual harassment. The text of this amendment was distributed to Senators as they came into today's meeting. Dr. Gowen accepted this as a friendly amendment. Hugh Hudson questioned Section 23-K-8: "such other grounds for dismissal as may be specified in the Statutes of the institution". Dr. Hudson asked what the "other grounds" were. The chair asked if John Marshall was present. He was not. The chair asked Dr. Gowen if the committee had discussed this point. Dr. Gowen indicated that the committee had not discussed the point because it was not part of the change being considered. Discussion continued on this issue. A friendly amendment was accepted to table this part of the proposal. There was some confusion over the numeration of this section. Ahmed Abdelal suggested tabling the whole document until all these issues were clarified since there was no urgency in passing this proposal. Dr. Abdelal's motion was seconded. This motion to table was passed. Gabor Patonay suggested that the Faculty Affairs Committee be consulted when this document comes up for discussion again with the Statutes and Bylaws Committee.

5. Motion to Update Duties of Commencement Committee presented by Statutes and Bylaws; Sheryl Gowen, chair. This proposal would add the review of honorary degree candidates to the committee's duties. Tim Crimmins noted that this would be a change to the Bylaws. The question was called. The motion passed.

6. Resolution to approve the Procedures for Implementation of the Intellectual Property Policy presented by the Research Committee; Chuck Derby, chair. This was an update to Georgia State's copyright on intellectual property policy largely done by Duane Rumbaugh and Cleon Arrington. This was done to bring this policy in line with other research institutions in the state. Amy Lederberg stated that the Executive Committee suggested a friendly amendment to broaden the Preamble to include artistic expression. Dr. Derby accepted the friendly amendment. The question was called. The resolution passed.

The results of the election of the 97-98 Executive Committee were reported by the chair:

Carol Winkler, College of Arts and Sciences
Ellen Podgor, College of Law
John Newman, College of Business Administration
Hugh Hudson, College of Arts and Sciences
Fred Jacobs, College of Business Administration
7. Motion to approve **Mission Statements for the University** presented by the Planning and Development Committee; Tim Crimmins, chair. Two mission statements were presented for approval. The short statement is for use in university publications and the longer version is the official statement, composed using a template provided by the Board of Regents for all system institutions. The question was called. The motion passed.

8. Motion to approve a **Mission Statement for a Suburban Campus** presented by the Planning and Development Committee; Tim Crimmins, chair. This statement was developed by a subcommittee chaired by Tom Clark and in consultation with the academic deans. The question was called. The motion passed.

9. Motion to approve the **Strategic Plan for Information Technology** presented by the Planning and Development Committee; Tim Crimmins, chair. The committee has been serving as the pass through committee for the Information Systems and Technology strategic plan. This plan has been developed over the past year by a task force appointed by the Provost. This plan has been reviewed widely by the university community. The question was called. The motion passed.

10. Report on **National Education Initiatives** presented by Provost Ron Henry. Dr. Henry thought it would be useful to discuss what is going on around us in higher education. One of the main higher education units in the United States is the American Association of Higher Education (AAHE). Discussion centered on a series of initiatives that are still ongoing and relevant both nationally and here at Georgia State: assessment (1985), school/college collaboration (1989), teaching initiative (1990), faculty roles and rewards (1991), and quality initiatives (1993). Other AAHE initiatives include: new pathways - faculty career and employment in the 21st century (1995), quality summer academy (1996) and the state systems standards initiative (1997).

Dr. Henry highlighted another organization, the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC). Georgia State has been a member since 1994. This group of approximately 150 members represents all of the major state universities and public supported institutions in the nation. All the Research II institutions are a part of this group as well. Discussion centered on five major issues for the three year agenda developed by the Kellogg Commission: 1) the student experience, 2) access - to deliver instruction anytime, anywhere, to practically anyone who seeks it, 3) engaged institutions - becoming more productively involved in our communities, 4) a learning society - encouraging lifelong learning, and 5) campus culture - to redefine excellence through the prism of the new agenda.

Next, Provost Henry addressed the system-level redirection initiatives and the funds received by Georgia State from the Board of Regents. Under the institutional effectiveness initiative, GSU received funds for undergraduate classroom improvements and instructional technology. Under economic development, funds were received for the digital commerce center. Under technological innovations, funds were received for CHARA, Galileo, and distance learning. Under increasing productivity, we received funds for the campus network installation. Under the high priority academic programs area, funds were received to strengthen the interdisciplinary efforts to the sciences. Georgia State did not receive funds directly in the final two areas: collaborative programs with other System institutions and partners in success, which means collaborating with the school system to improve student success.
Finally, the vision for Georgia State was discussed. Provost Henry believes we need to move toward a more learning centered organization. Broad scholarship of faculty should be valued and respected. Georgia State should be an interconnected university. Dr. Henry would like to see no faculty dropouts; a stronger mentoring program is needed at Georgia State. A stronger program for department chair development is needed as well.

There being no committee reports and no old business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Carolyn Robison, Secretary
University Senate

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