MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE
December 9, 1999


ORDER: The chair, President Carl Patton, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 7, 1999 meeting were approved with no amendments.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: President Patton began his remarks by wishing everyone a good holiday season. He appreciates all the hard work done by everyone over this past semester. Continuing work is being done on the strategic plan and the current draft is on the Senate web page. Dr. Patton remarked that the concerns he and other USG presidents have with the budget are no less today than they were at the last Senate meeting. He does not have any more new information. Georgia State continues to provide the Chancellor's Office with information about the rebound with our freshman and sophomore enrollments. We will remain cautiously optimistic but fiscally conservative as we do not know what all this will mean during the budgetary process. Dr. Patton is predicting a difficult year.

We have secured a listing of funding of approximately $5 million for renovations to the College of Law and the University Center. We want to be sure that it gets funded in this year's budget. Dr. Patton and others are visiting with legislators and Regents to discuss the Teaching Laboratory Building. We want to be sure that they know it is a top priority for us. We want to be sure that the USG receives Georgia Research Alliance funding and that Georgia State gets its fair share. Bill Todd has announced his resignation as president of GRA and an acting president will most likely be appointed. There are some discussions about the future levels of funding for the GRA and where the GRA might be located.

A couple of weeks ago ground was broken for the new Recreation Center. The demolition contractor is taking out asbestos and lead from inside the building at the site of the Helen Aderhold Learning Center. The building will be taken down, chunk by chunk, beginning sometime after the first of the year. It will not be imploded because of its location. The current "M" deck will be expanded in the months ahead. Because of material shortages, the deck was not expanded over the summer. Dr. Patton ended his remarks by thanking those who e-mailed their support after he wrote an article for The Signal regarding civility on campus.

NEW BUSINESS: Dr. Patton called on Hugh Hudson to report for the Executive Committee. Dr. Hudson stated that the Executive Committee recommends a "do pass" on all motions.

1. **Motion to adjust the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws to reflect the name change for the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies** presented by the Statutes and Bylaws Committee; Murray Brown, chair. This motion would formally change the name of the School of Policy Studies in the above documents. The change was approved by the Board of Regents and made effective August 10, 1999. The question was called. The motion passed.

2. **Motion to amend the faculty annual report** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Diane Willen,
chair. This proposal would amend the instructions for the faculty annual report to allow identification of international initiatives and international activities. The question was called. The motion passed.

3. **Motion to make a change in Section 401 of the Faculty Handbook** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Diane Willen, chair. This proposal came to the committee from the Provost's Office. This would add a provision that in cross-listed undergraduate and graduate classes, the listing of course requirements will specify any projects and/or other activities required specifically of graduate students taking the course and the criteria by which student work will be judged that differentiate graduate-level from undergraduate-level work. A Senator inquired about the purpose of this change and the reply was that the change is to comply with SACS regulations. It was noted that in the section below 401.01, the word "quarter" is still in the text. President Patton indicated that the text will be reviewed for other instances of this and changed accordingly. The question was called. The motion passed.

4. **Motion to modify the evaluation instrument for the University Librarian** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Diane Willen, chair. There are two parts to this proposal. The first is to expand the pool of designated faculty evaluators since the University Librarian serves a wider constituency across campus. The second change is to eliminate the requirement that the ad hoc committee consist of only tenured faculty members. Dr. Willen noted that she is withdrawing the amendment to Motion 4 that was in the Senators' packets. The question was called. The motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**APACE** (John Newman, chair): The committee has met several times. A new subcommittee on web-based/distance learning has been established to look at the academic curriculum issues with regard to web-based/distance learning.

**Admissions and Standards** (George Rainbolt, chair): In addition to admissions appeals and petitions, the committee has forwarded proposals to the Executive Committee regarding academic honesty and Internet cheating, the academic renewal policy, and an increase in TOEFL scores. Subcommittees are currently reviewing the following: changes to the "IP" grade policy, changes to the hardship withdrawal policy, changes to the non-matriculated audit policy, AIP triage, the academic calendar, and the implications of standards based education for Georgia State.

**Athletics** (Bill Thomas, chair): The committee met once and the general purpose of the meeting was to introduce Greg Manning as the new Athletics Director. Greg gave a report on his reorganization and his budgetary position with the Athletics Department. The committee feels he is off to a laudable start.

**Budget** (Fenwick Huss, chair): The committee has met twice and the major agenda items have been a review of the continuing budgetary effects of semester conversion and to provide input to FACP on fee requests. The subcommittees on funding priorities and on budgeting principles have met several times. Those subcommittees developed, and the full Budget Committee adopted, a set of budgeting principles to guide resource allocation decisions and that document has been forwarded to FACP.

**Commencement** (Carl Patton, chair): The committee met once and reviewed the ceremony. The committee has made a recommendation for an honorary degree to be conferred on Bill Usrey, former Labor Secretary. This will be awarded at the 10:00 a.m. ceremony on December 21. At the 3:00 p.m. ceremony, the President's Medallion will be awarded to Edgar Rhodes, a former Board of Regents member. Dr. Patton encouraged faculty to attend these ceremonies.

**Committee of Chairs** (Hugh Hudson, chair): The committee has met twice. Discussion has been on the new strategic plan and the items to be discussed at the Executive Committee retreat on December 14.

**Cultural Diversity** (Maria Valeri-Gold, chair): The committee has met twice. The committee is working with the Faculty Affairs benefits subcommittee regarding a policy that the tenure clock be stopped for all aspects of the Family and Medical Leave Act. The committee will be working with the newly appointed coordinator of the Task Force for the Recruitment and Retention of Underrepresented Faculty on the staff assessment survey. The committee will also review the strategic plan regarding diversity issues.

**Executive** (Hugh Hudson, chair): The committee has met one time and discussed the items on today's agenda. In addition, the committee has agreed on the following topics for the Executive Committee retreat: long-range plans for the use of non-tenure track faculty, benefits, on-line instruction, and workload policies across colleges.

**Faculty Affairs** (Diane Willen, chair): The committee has met once and has passed a conflict of interest policy. The
committee has begun discussion on a proposal from the benefits subcommittee on limited benefits for domestic partners. Also, the subcommittee on part-time instruction should be developing a policy very soon which the full committee will begin discussing in January.

**Fiscal Advisory Committee to the President** (Ron Henry, chair): The committee has met several times and is currently finishing up recommendations on proposed increases of student fees for next year. The committee continues to monitor the overall university budget and has set up two subcommittees: one to review credit producing units and the other to review non-credit producing units with an eye on how we will deal with redirection.

**Information Systems and Technology** (Scott Owen, chair): No report.

**Library Advisory** (Meg Harper, chair): The committee has not met since the last Senate meeting.

**Nominations** (Bernadette Hartfield, chair): No report.

**Planning and Development** (Lauren Adamson, chair): The committee has met twice. The committee has discussed its role in the administrative and support unit review process and have formalized this role. This has been written up as part of the guidelines and is posted on the Associate Provosts' webpage. The committee has discussed some of the ongoing facilities projects and the planning aspects of the budgetary principles. Also, the committee is waiting to review the annual plan for this year's strategic plan and, in January, the new five year strategic plan.

**Research** (Mary Ann Romski, chair): The committee has met twice. The committee is focusing its attention on the search for the VP for Research and Sponsored Programs and on strategic planning. It is discussing the inclusion of research centers in the APACE review process as well as moving forward a resolution related to distribution of indirect costs through GSURF.

**Statutes and Bylaws** (Murray Brown, chair): The committee has met twice and continue to discuss Article VI, Section 4 of the University Statutes and expects to forward some new language to the Executive Committee for consideration.

**Student Discipline** (Mary Finn for Howard Schneider, chair): The committee is currently reviewing a case.

**Student Life and Development** (Judi Bryant, chair): The committee has met and passed three amendments to the student code of conduct. Dr. Bryant brought copies for distribution to the Senators today. The committee also passed a resolution regarding parking which Dr. Bryant read: "The SLDC recommends that the GSU administration pursue comparable parking rates for all those students displaced by the closing of 'J' and 'D' parking lots and the 'M' deck because of the inevitable impact on decreased enrollment." Janet Gabler-Hover stated another of the committee's concerns which is that students will try to schedule their classes after 2:00 p.m. when parking rates go down.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

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Gayla Domke, Secretary

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