MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE
December 6, 2001


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

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 4, 2001, meeting were approved with no amendments.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: Dr. Patton stated he did not have much new information about the budget. Georgia State will still be giving the 2.5% back and Governor Barnes has indicated that should the state's economy turn around, we may not have to give back the full 5% next fiscal year. It may be the case that some of the MRR money will be moved into a bond issue to create more MRR money and then more capital projects can go into construction to stimulate the economy.

NEW BUSINESS: Dr. Patton called on Fred Jacobs, substituting for Executive Committee chair John de Castro, to report for the Executive Committee. Dr. Jacobs stated that the Executive Committee recommends a "do pass" on all motions.

1. **Motion to approve changes to the Core Curriculum Area E** presented by the APACE Committee; John Newman, chair. This proposal would add Economics 2100 to Area E2 and would add the limitation that no student may take more than six hours in Area E from any one department. The question was called. The motion passed.

2. **Motion to revise reentry policies** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. Dr. Rainbolt indicated that the RCB requested the words "a reentry student" in the first line of Section 1 be changed to "an undergraduate reentry student". Dr. Rainbolt accepts that change as a friendly amendment. This proposal aligns the reentry deadline with the change of catalog deadline. It also outlines the reentry policies for those students who left GSU while enrolled in LSP. The question was called. The motion passed.

3. **Motion to streamline the appeals and petitions process** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This proposal will allow subcommittee decisions on appeals and decisions to be the final action. Actions taken by the subcommittees will be distributed to the full Admissions and Standards Committee as information items. This will allow cases to be decided faster. The question was called. The motion passed.

4. **Motion regarding additional academic units required for admission** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This proposal will align our admission policy with the BOR. Freshman applicants will no longer be required to take additional academic courses beyond the 16 core CPC units. The question was called. The motion passed.

5. **Motion to revise admission requirements for home schooled students** presented by the Admissions
and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. The BOR has changed their admission requirements for home schooled students. This proposal will allow GSU to include these new admission criteria as an option for home schooled students who wish to apply for admission. The question was called. The motion passed.

6. **Motion to revise the 2002-2003 academic calendar** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. The BOR recently changed their policy on the start and end dates for the calendar. These revisions will allow GSU to start Fall 2002 on a Monday rather than a Wednesday. Provost Henry stated that the Executive Committee would like to amend the summer 2002 commencement date on this proposal from Monday, August 12 to Sunday, August 11. Dr. Rainbolt accepted this as a friendly amendment. Al Baumstark asked about the status of a combined May summer session. Provost Henry replied that the computer system should be able to accommodate that starting Summer 2003. The question was called. The motion passed.

7. **Motion to make revisions to the administrator evaluation instruments** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Diane Willen, chair. Lyn Thaxton presented the proposal for Dr. Willen. The proposal has four parts: the chair of the Student Discipline Committee rather than the chair of the Student Life and Development Committee should sit on the evaluation committee of the VP for Student Services; a new rating scale; changes to the instrument to evaluate the University Librarian; and a new instrument to evaluate the Associate Provost for IS&T. The question was called. The motion passed.

8. **Motion to adopt a policy on distribution of official notifications to students via email** presented by the Information Systems and Technology Committee; Bill Evans, chair. This proposal will allow units within Georgia State to use email as the means to officially communicate with students. Al McWilliams asked if Ph.D. students registered only for dissertation hours would still be allowed computer access even though they are not paying student activity fees. Bill Fritz answered that as long as students are eligible to register, they have computer access. The question was called. The motion passed.

9. **Resolution on Library South closure** presented by the Library Advisory Committee; Philo Hutcheson, chair. This resolution recognizes the work the library faculty and staff, the Physical Plant staff and the University Police did during the time that Library South was closed due to construction. The resolution passed with applause.

10. **Motion to amend the Senate calendar** presented by the Statutes and Bylaws Committee; Murray Brown, chair. This proposal will expand the Senate calendar from four meetings to five; move the organizational meeting from the last meeting of the Spring semester to the first meeting of the Fall semester; and move the deadline for the election of Senators from early Spring to the midpoint of the Spring semester. Dr. Brown noted that this proposal originated in the Executive Committee. The question was called. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**APACE** (John Newman, chair): The committee has been very active. It has accepted the academic program review self-study report from the History department; approved certificate programs for a post-Master’s certificate in nursing and one for a certificate in Women’s Studies; and approved the Writing Across the Curriculum committee’s course approval process as a pilot project for one year.

**Admissions and Standards** (George Rainbolt, chair): In addition to the motions brought forward today, the committee is working on a perpetual calendar, streamlining Regents Test procedures, and reviewing possible changes to the academic improvement program.

**Athletics** (Andrew Sumner, chair): The Panthers were recognized for their recent defeat of UGA’s basketball team. The new name of our conference is the Atlantic Sun. Some teams will be leaving the conference and some other teams will be joining it. The Athletics Department has added a professional advisory sports council to assist athletes and their parents with concerns and questions regarding professional sports.

**Budget** (Fenwick Huss, chair): The committee has met twice since the last Senate meeting. The two primary agenda items were the graduate tuition waiver policy and budget updates.

**Commencement** (Carl Patton, chair): The committee continues to review the ceremonies. Fall semester commencement is Monday, December 17, 2001. The morning speaker will be the CDC’s Dr. Jeffrey Koplan and the afternoon speaker will be Bonnie Phipps from Promina. Two honorary degrees will be awarded to John and Helen Aderholt at the morning ceremony.
Committee of Chairs (Fred Jacobs for John de Castro, chair):  The committee has met three times since the last Senate meeting. The committee is working on coordinating the work of the various Senate committees to gain efficiency.

Cultural Diversity (Christine Gallant, chair):  The committee has met twice. The committee is working on two main issues: a resolution to seek Senate membership for staff and assisting colleges as they draft guidelines to recruit and retain minority faculty.

Executive (Fred Jacobs for John de Castro, chair): In addition to the items brought forward today, the committee has been working on the fifth year review of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.

Faculty Affairs (Lyn Thaxton for Diane Willen, chair): The committee has met twice times since the last Senate meeting. It has adopted and sent on a policy on non-tenure track issues. It has developed a sick leave policy that has been sent on to the Executive Committee. Hearings have been held on the amorous relationship policy. At its upcoming meeting the committee will discuss a policy on disruptive students in the classroom.

FACP (Ron Henry, chair): The committee meets regularly and is putting together a plan for dealing with the 2.5% budget cut for this fiscal year. An advisory has gone out to the deans and vice presidents that the colleges and libraries will probably be cut 4% and the other areas will be cut 1.2% in order to bring the budget into balance. We are hoping to get some relief from the supplemental budget during the year. The committee is also reviewing new student fee proposals.

Information Systems and Technology (Bill Evans, chair): The committee has met twice. It has called for proposals for FY03 student fee technology awards. It is reviewing priorities and timetables for various IS&T projects. At future meetings the committee will be discussing the Panther System.

Library Advisory (Philo Hutcheson, chair): The committee has met once. It reviewed a document prepared by the University Librarian on the detailed and complex procedures the library follows to allocate resources for serials, periodicals, and monographs.

Nominations (Bob Sattelmeyer, chair): No report.

Planning and Development (P. C. Tai, chair): The committee has met twice. A subcommittee has been formed to discuss planning for university closings.

Research (Mary Ann Romski, chair): The committee has met twice since the last Senate meeting. It has reviewed the graduate student tuition waiver policy, is working on the intellectual property policy, is reviewing the internal grants program, and will be forming a subcommittee to work on scientific integrity policy and procedures.

Statutes and Bylaws (Murray Brown, chair): The committee has been working on the Senate calendar and has been discussing staff membership in the Senate, the status of the Committee of Chairs, and the possibility of electronic meetings.

Student Discipline (Ralph Gilbert, chair): The committee has met twice to deal with specific cases.

Student Life and Development (Kurt Keppler, chair): The committee has met twice. It has seen a presentation of Banner and the GoSOLAR applications. It reviewed the draft disruptive student policy and changes to the code of conduct. It approved some new chartered student organizations.

OLD BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.
Gayla Domke, Secretary
University Senate

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