
ORDER: The chair, President Carl Patton, called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 14, 2001, meeting were approved with no amendments.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: Dr. Patton reported that, although he has lobbied against it, a $2600 salary cap for non-academic personnel was in the state’s budget language. This salary cap does not affect faculty. Dr. Patton stated that this sets a bad precedent and is bad for morale. He has spoken with the Chancellor about this. The Chancellor has indicated his willingness to help and has sent Governor Barnes a strong letter. Dr. Patton will continue to work on this issue and will update the Senate at its next meeting. Dr. Patton called on Tom Lewis for any further updates. Mr. Lewis stated that he had been speaking with representatives at UGA, Tech, Georgia Southern, and the Medical College of Georgia about the salary cap. These representatives are planning on contacting key legislators to educate them about what the ramifications are to salary caps.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Election of the 2002-2003 Executive Committee.** Dr. Patton explained the election process and asked that Senators print the names of their candidates on the ballots to ease the vote tallying. He opened the floor for nominations. Mary Nell Stone recorded the names as they were nominated:

- John Newman, Robinson College of Business
- Charles Jones, College of Arts and Sciences
- Paul Alberto, College of Education
- Fred Jacobs, Robinson College of Business
- Sally Wallace, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies
- John de Castro, College of Arts and Sciences

Since there were no more nominations, the nominations were closed. Because there were six nominees and six available positions on the Executive Committee, it was not necessary to complete the ballots.

B. **Nominations Report** presented by the Nominations Committee: Don Reitzes, chair. The Nominations Committee prepared its report for committee assignments and it was distributed in the Senators’ packets. The committee will meet again before the fall meeting to fill vacancies and to process individual requests for changes to committee assignments. They will also review the nominations process and its relation to senate committee structure. There were a few changes to the original report and these were distributed today at the door. In addition, Dr. Reitzes recommended adding Bonnie Fritz and Christine Gallant to the Planning and Development Committee.

C. Dr. Patton asked Executive Committee chair John de Castro to introduce the agenda items. Dr. de Castro stated that the Executive Committee recommended a “do pass” on all three items.

1. **Motion to approve the perpetual calendar** presented by the Admissions and Standards
Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This calendar perpetualizes the current calendar pattern. It will benefit the university because units will be able to do long range planning around class schedules. The motion was seconded. John de Castro introduced a friendly amendment from the Executive Committee: each academic year, the calendar produced by the perpetual calendar will be reviewed and approved by the Senate during the spring semester. A Senate member stated that if the calendar were reviewed the spring before it goes into effect, it would be too late. Dr. de Castro stated that he would modify the amendment to say the spring that falls a year and a half before the calendar goes into effect. Dr. Rainbolt asked if this means that the eight years of academic calendars that have already been formulated could not be published on the web. Dean Abdelal remarked that just because the calendar is called a perpetual calendar does not mean that it cannot be modified should the need arise. He questioned whether the amendment was needed. Dr. de Castro withdrew the friendly amendment. The question was called on the original motion. The motion passed.

2. **Motion to approve the policy on disruptive student behavior** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Diane Willen, chair. The committee got feedback from a number of Senate committees and from others within various academic units. The policy aims to deal with disruptive student behavior in a timely manner, and it protects the interest of the student and also the classroom involved. The motion was seconded. It was clarified that this policy would replace any existing policy. The question was called. The motion passed.

3. **Motion to approve the template for academic program review** presented by the APACE Committee; John Newman, chair. This is a revision of a previous template. It was designed to make the process more structured and coherent. The motion was seconded. Charlene Hurt asked why library resources were listed as optional under section G, number 7. Bill Fritz explained that when reviewing past program reviews it was thought that reports on library resources for some departments was not necessary and that by having that part of the review as optional it allows some flexibility. Ms. Hurt suggested a friendly amendment to strike the word “optional” from that section. In addition she suggested that the section read: “The adequacy of library resources should be addressed. A report on library holdings shall be provided to the unit by Pullen Library.” Dr. Newman accepted this friendly amendment. The question was called. The motion, with the friendly amendment, passed.

D. **Reports on the triennial evaluations of administrators** presented by the Executive Committee; John de Castro, chair. Three administrators were reviewed during the spring semester: Dean Roy Bahl, Dean Janice Griffith, and Associate Provost Reid Christenberry. The summary reports of these evaluations were included in the Senators’ packets.

Dr. de Castro announced that there will be an orientation for new senators and gave the time and place for that event. President Patton stated that the Nominations Report had not been voted on after Don Reitzes gave his presentation on the report. The motion to accept the report as amended was seconded. The question was called. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Bob McGinnis asked Dr. Patton if it would be valuable to him to get a sense of the Senate’s feeling as he negotiates with the Chancellor and others regarding the salary cap. Dr. Patton suggested that a motion from the full Senate stating that faculty and staff should be treated the same and that there should be no salary cap would be helpful. John de Castro forwarded such a motion. The motion was seconded. The question was called. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Nell Stone
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