MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE
October 9, 2003

PRESENT: Senate members: Glenn Abney, Lauren Adamson, Lisa Armistead, Tiffany Armstrong, Jeff Ashby, Benjamin Baez, Pam Barr, Al Baumstark, Jeffrey Benson, Shelia Bradley, Michelle Brattain, Kyle Bruner, Laura Burtle, Damon Camp, Joan Carson, Mary Jane Casto, David Cheshier, Gayle Christian, Barry Chung, Ron Colarusso, Sam Cox, Tim Crimmins, Dean Dabney, Charles Derby, Anne Emanuel, Paule Eubanks, Paul Farnham, Dan Franklin, Martin Fraser, Bill Fritz, Peggy Gallagher, Christine Gallant, Sandra Garber, Gerald Gay, Emanuelu Guano, Ron Henry, John Hicks, Andrea Hill, Hugh Hudson, Charlene Hurt, Steve Kaminshine, Susan Kelley, LaLoria Konata, Sandra Laury, Amy Lederberg, Tom Lewis, Zhongshan Li, Peter Lyons, Steve Manson, Joyce Many, John Marshall, Charles Marvin, Mona Matthews, Basil Mattingly, Al McWilliams, Marian Meyers, Jean Miller, Sandra Miller, Valerie Miller, Lois Mohr, Mary Morris, Robin Morris, Michael Murrell, Tom Netzel, John Newman, Lloyd Nigro, Ed Palmer, Yi Pan, Carl Patton, Marcia Pearl, Nancy Peterman, John Peterson, Charlotte Petrek, Cora Presley, Jerry Rackliffe, George Rainbolt, Bala Ramesh, Joe Rau, Donald Reitzes, Tim Renick, Mary Ann Romski, Debbie Rupp, Jeff Rupp, Jamaal Schoby, Hazel Scott, Mary Shoffner, Marti Singer, Debra Snell, Tammy Sugerman, Andrew Sumner, Phang Tai, Susan Talburt, Cherian Thachenkary, John Thomas, Corey Thompson, Bill Waugh, Sara Weigle, Marta White, Leslie Williams, Jim Wolk. Others attending: Brad Dixon, Matthew Monttahan, Rebecca Stout.

ORDER: The chair, President Carl Patton, called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the August 21, 2003, Senate meeting were approved with no amendments.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: Dr. Patton commented that a major activity for the university this year is working on the budget. He has visited with all the new Regents and with 30 legislators to speak to them about the importance of a good budget for the USG as well as for Georgia State. Dr. Patton has also been providing information to the HOPE Study Commission through the Chancellor and Jim Ledbetter. Dr. Patton is urging the commission to adopt a version of the Freshman Index as a measure to balance out the impact of grades and SAT scores. The Foundation has appointed Nancy Peterman as president and John Marshall as vice president.

NEW BUSINESS: The Executive Committee recommends a “do pass” on the following agenda items.

1. **Motion to amend the August 21 Nominations Report** presented by the Nominations Committee; Basil Mattingly, chair. These amendments are primarily SGA appointments. There are a few changes among the faculty. In addition, Michelle Brattain will replace Steve Rapp on the APACE and Budget Committees. The question was called. The motion passed.

2. **Motion to amend the evaluation instruments of the Deans and Provost** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Cherian Thachenkary, chair. This proposal would add questions to the instruments of the Deans and Provost regarding their commitment to the action plans that are triggered by academic program review and departmental self-studies. The motion was seconded. Steve Kaminshine stated that these changes might be premature. Due to the current budget situation, there is a backlog of action plans to be funded. Some units have been unable to follow their action plan because there is no funding and/or by the time funding is available, some of the stated goals are no longer desirable. Hugh Hudson stated that the decision to add these questions had actually been approved by Faculty Affairs approximately two years ago. It was an oversight that it had not been brought before the full Senate prior to this meeting. Dr. Hudson feels that persons evaluating the Deans and Provost should be aware of the budget climate at the time of the evaluation and should not hold the administrator accountable if resources aren’t available to fund action plans. Joan Carson stated that this proposal started with her after she talked with the deans. They were unhappy about the fact that action plan commitments had been made and then not honored apart from budget constraints. This proposal will close the accountability loop. The question was called. The motion passed.

3. **Motion on online student evaluation procedure** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Cherian Thachenkary, chair. The committee feels that the online evaluation process should continue through the Fall semester. The online evaluations will start at the same time as the paper evaluations. The question was called. The motion passed.

Information item: John Newman reporting for Sally Wallace. The reports on the triennial evaluations of administrators were distributed in the Senate packets prior to the meeting. The reviews were for the following administrators: Charlene Hurt, Hazel Scott, Ron Colarusso, Sidney Harris, Ron Henry and Charles Louis.
COMMITTEE REPORTS:

APACE (John Newman, chair): The committee has met twice and has been working on organizing its committee structure.

Admissions and Standards (George Rainbolt, chair): The committee has met once. Its subcommittees are working on the following issues: the composition of the Admissions and Standards Committee; Georgia State’s U.S. News and World Report rankings; application deadlines for graduation; credit for GSU 1010; the transfer admission requirements; and the academic renewal requirements as they relate to transfer students.

Athletics (Andy Sumner; chair): The committee has met twice. The Athletic Director provided a comprehensive vision and strategic plan for the Athletics Department to the committee.

Budget (Steve Kaminshine for Fenwick Huss; chair): The committee has met twice. Agenda items include an update on the FY04 budget and the formation of two subcommittees: budget priorities and major repairs and renovations.

Commencement (Carl Patton; chair): The committee has met once. It is reviewing the possibility of rotating the time of the commencement ceremonies among the colleges. Fall commencement will be Saturday, December 20.

Committee of Chairs (Anne Emanuel for Sally Wallace; chair): The committee has met once to discuss the major agenda items for each committee.

Cultural Diversity (Cora Presley, chair): The committee has met twice and is reviewing ways to implement its newly amended committee duties. The committee has taken action on three of its duties. The CPS Department requested that the committee look into disabled persons’ access to campus buildings and facilities. A subcommittee has been formed to review this issue and has already met with the Director of Disability Services. The committee has forwarded to the Provost a list of interested applicants for the position of Senior Faculty Associate for the Advancement of Women. It is also assisting John Peterson, the Senior Faculty Associate for Underrepresented Faculty, with helping the colleges develop guidelines on both retention and recruitment. The BOR has initiated a USG wide initiative to increase the numbers of African American males who enter college and graduate. Six members of the Cultural Diversity Committee serve on the GSU committee, which is co-chaired by Hazel Scott and John Peterson.

Executive (Anne Emanuel for Sally Wallace; chair): The committee has met twice. It is in the process of formalizing the formation of ad hoc committees to address two issues: governance in the context of full-time faculty and a potential reorganization of the Senate with a view to increase efficiency and reduce size. The committee has created the ad hoc University Data Management Committee. This committee will take on the responsibility of the former Committee on Institutional Effectiveness. Reports from the new committee will come to the Senate Executive Committee which will review them and forward them to the appropriate Senate committees for action.

Faculty Affairs (Cherian Thachenkary; chair): The committee has met twice. Several items are on its agenda for the year. Three items of significance are: online evaluations; the policy on senior lecturers; and the evaluation instrument of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies.

FACP (Ron Henry; chair): The committee’s work really starts now. Georgia State is experiencing increased enrollment, however, there has been a decrease in paid credit hours. The governor has imposed a 2.5% cut to all agencies including the USG. Dr. Henry predicts that the university will be able to handle the cut with its existing resources this year. The committee will be looking at the projections for next year.

IS&T (Marty Fraser; chair): The committee has met twice. It has been discussing the student technology fee subcommittee and its upcoming work. It has been looking of the time schedule for doing its work.

Library Advisory (Mona Matthews, chair): The committee has met twice. Charlene Hurt met with the SGA in an attempt to gain support from them for a student fee for the expansion and renovation of the library. The SGA positively supported the fee. The committee will be working to get more communication out to the faculty regarding library issues.

Planning and Development (Tim Crimmins for P. C. Tai; chair): The strategic planning subcommittee is working on the action plan at this time. There is a joint subcommittee with the Budget Committee that is looking into major repairs and renovations. The committee is also looking at faculty and staff office space. The committee passed a resolution thanking Bonnie Fritz for her foresight and perseverance in initiating the traffic safety program.

Research (Don Reitzes, chair): The committee has met twice. It has approved a new internal grants program entitled “Support for Scholarly Research Conferences”. Agenda items are: continuing to review the other internal grants...
programs; drafting a policy on responsible conduct of research; and developing a strategic plan for Research and Sponsored Programs.

**Statutes and Bylaws** (Amy Lederberg; chair): The committee has met twice. Agenda items for the year include: a review of the new Senate calendar; email voting; and a review of the nominations process.

**Student Discipline** (Sam Cox; chair): The committee met in August for the organizational meeting. There have been no other issues before the committee.

**Student Life and Development** (Rebecca Stout; chair): The committee has met twice and has created three subcommittees. One to review charters for student organizations, one to review the Code of Conduct, and one to review the student administrative policies. The committee has approved new charters for 26 student organizations.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate