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UNIVERSITY SENATE
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ORDER: The chair, President Carl Patton, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 24, 2003, Senate meeting were approved with no amendments.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: Dr. Patton thanked everyone for their help in getting this fall semester off to a good start. A major activity for the university this year is working on the budget. The Chancellor will be sending out some information defining the parameters for this year's budget to all USG system presidents. Everyone is aware that there will be reductions in this year’s budget as well as future years’ budgets. Georgia State is well positioned to deal with the upcoming budget reductions. The FACP and the Budget Committee will be working hard over the next Senate year. There is good news as well. The university has recently received a significant gift from Ken Lewis. The School of Nursing will be renamed in honor of his mother, Byrdine F. Lewis. This news was received with applause. Dr. Patton encouraged everyone to take advantage of all the various events and performances taking place on campus.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Election of the 2003-2004 Executive Committee. Dr. Patton explained the election process and asked that Senators print the names of their candidates on their ballots to ease the vote tallying. He opened the floor for nominations. Mary Nell Stone recorded the names as they were nominated:

    Gerald Gay, Robinson College of Business
    Anne Emanuel, College of Law
    John Newman, Robinson College of Business
    Sally Wallace, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies
    Paul Alberto, College of Education
    Dan Benardot, College of Health and Human Sciences
    Fred Jacobs, Robinson College of Business
    Don Reitzes, College of Arts and Sciences
    Carol Winkler, College of Arts and Sciences
    Leslie Williams, Staff Senator

There was some question about whether a staff member could serve on the Executive Committee. The parliamentarian consulted the Senate Bylaws and it was determined that Ms. Williams was eligible. Article VII. Section 1 states that “elected senators” not “elected faculty” can serve on the Executive Committee. The nominations were closed. Dr. Patton asked the senators to complete their ballots. The ballots were collected and tallied. While waiting for the results, the chair continued with new business.

B. The Executive Committee recommends a “do pass” on the following agenda items.

1. Motion to change committee membership of IS&T Committee presented by the Statutes and Bylaws Committee; Murray Brown, chair. This change is needed in order to have enough faculty members from which to choose the faculty membership for the Student Technology Fee Subcommittee. The term “at least” was
added to give flexibility in assigning senators to this committee. The question was called. The motion passed.

2. Motion to approve Academic Program Review procedures and calendar presented by the APACE Committee; John Newman, chair. The revisions in the procedures came about because APACE had gone through one complete cycle of APR. Much input was solicited before finalizing the document. The question was called. The motion passed. The APR calendar provides an ideal timetable by which APACE can monitor progress towards completion of the APR. Tim Crimmins proposed a friendly amendment to allow APACE to approve any future changes to this calendar. This amendment was accepted. The question was called. The motion passed.

C. Nominations Report presented by the Nominations Committee; Basil Mattingly, chair. The Nominations Committee prepared the slate of nominees for committee assignments that was in the Senate packets distributed prior to the meeting. There was also a short list of changes that were distributed as the Senators came into the meeting today. Each committee is in compliance with the Bylaws’ requirements for committee membership. Dr. Mattingly stated that the committee worked hard over the summer to balance the committees so that they were in compliance with Senate regulations. Just prior to the beginning of this meeting, Dr. Mattingly was informed that there would be several changes to this report from the floor. He opposed these changes. The whole committee hasn’t had a chance to review these proposed changes and the changes would upset the balance that has been achieved with the original document. Dr. Mattingly moved that the slate of nominees, as presented, be approved. The motion was seconded. The question was called. The motion passed.

Don Reitzes stated that in week before the meeting, several faculty members asked him if they could be added to various committees. Dr. Reitzes sought and received approval from the chairs. Dr. Reitzes read his list of amendments. It was decided that the amendments that involved a change would be done separately from the amendments that add senators. The replacements: Steve Rapp to replace Robin Morris on Budget and David Cheshier to replace Cora Presley on Admissions and Standards. The motion to approve these replacements was moved and seconded. Dr. Mattingly stated his opposition to this amendment. The Nominations Committee was not consulted so there was no opportunity for the committee to review and discuss these changes. Several senators commented that amendments to the Nominations Report were made from the floor in past years. Dr. Mattingly’s position is that these last minute changes undermine the committee process for putting together the slate of nominations. There were some comments made regarding the parliamentary process of amending a committee report. Steve Kaminshine stated that it was disturbing that some of the senators that are now asking to be added to various committees are people who had been on those particular committees for several years. He questions why their names weren’t on the initial slate rather than being added now. The question was called. The motion to approve the amendment on replacements passed.

Dr. Reitzes read off the remaining committee changes: Al Baumstark and Marty Frasier to IS&T; Debra Snell to Faculty Affairs; Margo Brinton to APACE; Tom Netzel to Research; Cora Presley to Cultural Diversity; Nancy Floyd and Robert Thompson to IS&T; Marti Singer to Statutes and Bylaws. This amendment was moved and seconded. It was determined that Cultural Diversity specifically states that twelve faculty are on the committee. Adding another person would violate the Bylaws. Dr. Reitzes withdrew his amendment to add Cora Presley to Cultural Diversity. John Peterson stated he was listed twice on the committee roster: once as Senior Faculty Associate and the other as a faculty member at large. He resigned his appointment as faculty member at large and no change to the Bylaws would be necessary to fill that now vacant spot. Don Reitzes re-added Dr. Presley’s appointment to Cultural Diversity to his list of proposed amendments. He added another amendment: Mary Morris to the Budget Committee. The question was called. A vote was taken to determine whether the question would be called at this time. The vote indicated that the question would be called. Dr. Patton asked those that supported the motion to add the names Don Reitzes brought from the floor to raise their cards. Those opposed also voted. Because it appeared close, the votes were counted by the tellers. The motion passed. Dr. Patton stated that it was time to vote on the original motion with the two amendments included. The question was called. The motion passed.

Dr. Patton reported that the votes had been tallied for the election of the Executive Committee. The 2003-2004 Executive Committee members are: Paul Alberto, Sally Wallace, Anne Emanuel, John Newman, Carol Winkler, and Fred Jacobs. Since there was no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary to the Senate