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UNIVERSITY SENATE
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PRESENT: Senate members: Glenn Abney, Paul Alberto, Lisa Armistead, Pam Barr, Dan Benardot, Michael Binford, Brenda Blackwell, Deron Boyles, Greg Brack, Michelle Brattain, Janet Burns, Laura Burtle, Joan Carson, Carolyn Codamo, Nannette Commander, Sam Cox, Dean Dabney Nick Demos, Dabney Dixon, Stephen Dobranski, Crawford Elliott, Paul Farnham, Hector Fernandez, Sally Fowler, Marty Fraser, Shelby Frost, Peggy Gallagher, Christine Gallant, Sandra Garber, MaryAnne Gaunt, Gerald Gay, Rachel George, Cecelia Grindel, Johannes Hattingh, Hugh Hudson, Charlene Hurt, Marissa Johnson, LaKeisha Jordan, Susan Kelley, John Kesner, Laloria Konata, Ralph LaRossa, Amy Lederberg, Tom Lewis, Steve Manson, John Marshall, John Medlock, Jean Miller, Richard Miller, Sandra Miller, Ptiene Minick, Robin Morris, Siva Nathan, Carl Patton, Dave Pavesic, Marcia Pearl, John Peterson, Cora Presley, George Rainbolt, Alan Raines, Donald Reitzes, Tim Renick, Mary Ann Romski, Debbie Rupp, Jeff Rupp, Carmen Schlig, Hazel Scott, Jim Senn, Mary Shoffner, Tourgee Simpson, Marti Singer, Debra Snell, Tammy Sugarman, Andrew Sumner, P. C. Tai, Robert Thompson, Laurie Tis, Sara Weigle, Marta White, Carol Winkler, Jim Wolk, Maryann Wyso. Others attending: Beth Flannigan, Connie Hawkins, Danny Housley, Matthew Momtahan, Rebecca Stout, Edgar Torbert.

ORDER: The chair, President Carl Patton, called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the August 19, 2004, Senate meeting were approved with one correction.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: Dr. Patton invited everyone to the upcoming Town Hall meeting about the budget situation. He stated that he would save his remarks concerning the budget for that meeting. He thanked everyone for his or her hard work during these difficult times. Dr. Patton announced the completion of our university comprehensive campaign. The university reached its $125 million goal. This news was greeted with applause. The university will be celebrating this milestone on November 5. Plans are already in the works for the next major campaign.

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

1. Motion to revise the definition of good standing presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This proposal would bring Georgia State's policy on academic good standing in line with national norms for research universities. The question was called. The motion passed.

2. Motion to revise the incomplete ("I") grade policy presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This proposal would add a policy for S/U grading and clarify the notion of an academic grade. The question was called. The motion passed.

3. Motion to revise the Regents' Test rules for nonnative speakers of English presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This proposal would codify current practice concerning the Regents’ Test. Students will not be allowed to take both the Regents’ GSTEP and the regular Regents’ Test in the same semester. The question was called. The motion passed.

4. Motion to amend the name of the Library in the Senate Bylaws presented by the Statutes and Bylaws Committee; Amy Lederberg, chair. This will make the Bylaws consistent with the new name of the University Library. The motion was seconded. A question was raised regarding the rationale for changing the Library's name. Charlene Hurt clarified that the whole library system is called the University Library while the Library North building is still called the William Russell Pullen Library Building. The question was called. The motion passed.

5. Motion to amend the name of the Staff Advisory Council to the Staff Council in the University Statutes presented by the Statutes and Bylaws Committee; Amy Lederberg, chair. The Staff Council voted to change its name and this proposal will amend the Statutes and Bylaws to reflect that change. The question was called. The motion passed.

6. Motion to add "institutes” to the University Statutes presented by the Statutes and Bylaws Committee; Amy Lederberg, chair. This proposal will make the Statutes consistent with current administrative structure and will allow institutes to have representation on the Senate. The question was called. The motion passed.

7. Motion to revise the Student Discrimination and Harassment Policy and other sections of the Student Code of Conduct presented by the Student Life and Development Committee; Rebecca Stout, chair. The changes made will clarify and articulate the policy and will make the process more transparent.
Sanctions for student groups are defined for various infractions. The motion was seconded. There was a brief discussion about what is and what is not covered under this policy. Cora Presley stated that the Cultural Diversity Committee worked with SLAD on this document and supports its passage. SGA President Tourgee Simpson stated that the students had a lot of input on this document and support it as well. The question was called. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**APACE** (Tim Renick, chair): The committee has met twice. This year’s business includes eight program reviews and two or three new program proposals. Most recently it has been working with the Budget Committee and the Committee of Chairs on a proposal in which APACE is involved in any special evaluations that may take place because of the budget problem. The BOR now requires staff approval for any new certificate programs. The new guidelines are on the BOR web page.

**Admissions and Standards** (George Rainbolt, chair): In addition to today’s items, subcommittees are working on hardship withdrawals, academic forgiveness, S/U grades, limits on “W’s”, gpa increases in Criminal Justice and some programs in Communication, the relationship between transient and transfer gpa admission requirements, and the use of TOFEL in the IEP program.

**Athletics** (Laurie Tis; chair): The committee has met twice and has approved the fall and spring sports schedules. It has gotten an update on the status of the Phase II renovations from the Athletics Department. The athletics program has moved to the Colonial Athletic Conference and will start competing in this conference in Fall 2005.

**Budget** (Hugh Hudson; chair): The committee met three times the last Senate meeting. Agenda items included discussions of budget reports with VP Rackliffe, establishing MRR joint subcommittee with P&D, establishing the budget priorities subcommittee, establishing a joint subcommittee with APACE to look at administrative and other costs of academic programs and academic organizations, and making recommendations to the Executive Committee concerning the evaluations that will take place due to the budget cuts.

**Commencement** (Carl Patton; chair): The committee met September 2. Now there are seven commencements each year. A call for honorary degree nominations has gone out. Fall commencement is on Saturday, December 18th.

**Committee of Chairs** (Paul Alberto; chair): All indications are that there will be another round of program evaluations. These would be short-term evaluations, which could result in terminating some programs. FACPs is looking for suggestions on how that process should be structured and recommendations will be coming from the Deans Group and the Senate. The joint subcommittee from APACE and Budget recommended to their larger committees that this process should be routed through APACE.

**Cultural Diversity** (Cora Presley, chair): The committee has met four times since the last Senate meeting. Subcommittees have been formed to work on this year’s agenda items: the African American male initiative; the racial climate survey; a survey on the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered members of the GSU community; disabilities access; investigation into whether students get differential punishment for infractions of university code based on race; and working with the Counseling Center on appropriate materials to give to rape victims.

**Executive** (Paul Alberto; chair): In addition to the items presented today, the committee has been eliminating ad hoc committees and transferring their assignments to standing Senate committees.

**Faculty Affairs** (Richard Miller; chair): The committee has met twice since the last Senate meeting. A subcommittee has been established to react to the impact of the budget cuts. The committee is waiting to see how the budget issues evolve before taking any action. Benefits issues have been reviewed: long-term care; domestic partner benefits; and access to the Recreation Center.

**FACP** (Ron Henry; chair): No report.

**IS&T** (Marty Fraser; chair): The committee has met twice since the last Senate meeting. J. L. Albert gave an update to the committee on current topics. An update was given on the student technology fee subcommittee. A draft of the notification policy was discussed.

**Library Advisory** (Dave Pavesic, chair): The committee has met once. It will meet again in November. The committee is looking at how the discontinuation of the ABI Inform database on GALILEO will impact research at the university.
Planning and Development (P. C. Tai; chair): The committee has met twice and focused on the ASUR reports. A joint subcommittee was formed with Budget to look at the MRR list as well as the minor capital projects. Georgia State should be getting $4.9 million for infrastructure for minor capital projects. Another active subcommittee is the Fire Safety subcommittee that meets monthly.

Research (Don Reitzes, chair): The committee has met three times since the last Senate meeting. The committee strongly endorsed the candidacy of Robin Morris for the VP for Research. Subcommittees are engaged in streamlining internal grants procedures, reviewing consultant reports for the VP for Research, and developing and refining policies and programs for research integrity.

Statutes and Bylaws (Amy Lederberg; chair): In addition to today’s items, the committee has been discussing the Senate self-study. Most standing committees have sent proposals to change the Bylaws to S&B. S&B is reviewing these proposals and will send them back to the originating committees with its questions and/or recommendations.

Student Discipline (Sam Cox; chair): The committee has been revising committee procedures so that they can be in line with the recent Code of Conduct changes. There are three cases pending which all are concerned with academic honesty violations.

Student Life and Development (Rebecca Stout; chair): The committee has met twice since the last Senate meeting. In addition to the item brought forward today, the committee has approved charters for student organizations; a subcommittee has been formed to review the late night events policy; and it has approved the faculty and staff members of the student activity fee committee.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate