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

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 21, 2004, Senate meeting were approved with no changes.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: Since President Patton recently had given budget information to various groups on campus and since there is no new news in that regard, he did not comment on the budget at this time. He has been traveling the state with Tom Lewis and Dene Sheheane in order to spread the Georgia State story to the over 100 new regents and legislators. He has been talking with the BOR about adding the new Humanities Building to the capital list at the June meeting. Dr. Patton thanked everyone for all their good work and wished everyone a safe holiday.

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

1. **Change the method of processing the senior administrator evaluations** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Richard Miller, chair. With the mainframe being decommissioned at the end of December, it will no longer be possible to process and analyze the senior administrator evaluation data as it had been done previously. The process will now be online using the eListen software. The question was called. The motion passed.

2. **Require Dean’s Office approval for adds or drops after the midpoint** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. Adds after the midpoint are not reflected in our BOR census data and, therefore, Georgia State doesn't get any more BOR money to reflect the increase in enrollment. Drops after the midpoint require the university to return money to the student, even financial aid money. This policy would make adding or dropping after the midpoint a rarity. The question was called. The motion passed.

3. **Revise the Regents’ Test policy** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This proposal puts Georgia State's Regents’ Test policy in line with the BOR's revised policy. Students can receive financial aid for Regents’ Test prep courses. The question was called. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**APACE** (Tim Renick, chair): The committee has met three times. It has been working on a policy for academic program review of programs to be deactivated or terminated. It has been working on revisions to its bylaws and reviewing new concentrations within existing degree programs.

**Admissions and Standards** (George Rainbolt, chair): Subcommittees have been working on: Regents’ Test exemption scores; rules for declaring majors; conditional admission; admission of transfer students with disciplinary issues on their record; transient admissions requirements; the academic honesty policy; gpa increases in Criminal Justice and some programs in Communication; hardship withdrawals; academic forgiveness; S/U grading; and advanced placement credit.

**Athletics** (Laurie Tis; chair): The committee has met once. It has reviewed a report from the athletics department on their academics and a report on its transition to the Colonial Athletic Conference.

**Budget** (Hugh Hudson; chair): The committee met once since the last Senate meeting. It has submitted its budget priorities report to FACP. The joint subcommittee with APACE has been looking at administrative and other costs of academic programs and academic organizations. The committee has heard a presentation from J. L. Albert on the possible savings associated with the planned move toward voice over IP telephone service.

**Commencement** (Carl Patton; chair): Fall commencement is on Saturday, December 18th. The speaker for the morning ceremony will be Bill Bolling.
of the Atlanta Food Bank and in the afternoon the speaker will be Frank Blount, who is a member of the GSU Foundation and worked previously with AT&T.

**Cultural Diversity** (Christine Gallant for Cora Presley, chair): The committee has met once since the last Senate meeting. The committee discussed campus coordination of responses to sexual assault victims. The subcommittee working on the African American male initiative will be forwarding suggestions for how the Senate may assist in this effort. The campus cultural climate subcommittee has begun working on a survey to determine the climate for both majority and minority students to be administered spring semester. The committee has approved the following resolution:

> Whereas the Board of Regents policy, Section 1903, on disruptive behavior at the university states that "any student, faculty member, administrator, or employee who clearly obstructs or disrupts any teaching activity . . . is considered by the Board to have committed an act of gross irresponsibility and shall be subject to disciplinary procedures, possibly resulting in dismissal or termination of employment";

> Whereas it is the policy of the University to foster a welcoming educational environment for all faculty, staff, and students, regardless of their race, gender, sexual orientation, age, handicap, national origin, or religion; and

> Whereas during the Fall Semester, 2004, a University classroom where a Jewish Studies class was routinely taught was repeatedly defaced with a swastika;

> Be it resolved that the University considers such defacing as reprehensible conduct, and will prosecute those found guilty swiftly and to the fullest extent possible. The University also expresses its strong support for the Jewish Studies program, and the study of the Jewish experience and culture generally.

This resolution was brought forward and seconded. The question was called. The resolution passed.

**Executive** (Paul Alberto; chair): In addition to the items presented today, the committee has been working on program evaluation and has finalized the last four indicators. This information will be disseminated across campus for quick feedback. A subcommittee will probably be formed in April to prepare a debriefing report on the whole program evaluation process.

**Faculty Affairs** (Richard Miller; chair): The committee has met twice since the last Senate meeting. It is reviewing a possible pilot program for donated sick leave. It has been reviewing concerns about domestic partner benefits. Changes to Faculty Handbook have been reviewed. The committee is looking at governance in regards to non-tenure track faculty and PTI's.

**FACP** (Ron Henry; chair): The committee has been discussing ways to deal with the current budget cut. The committee is waiting to see what the enrollment will be in the spring because this will impact on the final analysis. The committee has been reviewing fee requests and will send its recommendations on to the BOR.

**IS&T** (Marty Fraser; chair): No report.

**Library Advisory** (Dave Pavesic, chair): The committee will be meeting soon to look at the recommendations from the Statutes and Bylaws Committee on its self-study and to discuss the budget.

**Nominations** (Dean Dabney; chair): The committee has met once since the last Senate meeting and approved an addendum to the Nominations Report. It discussed self-study issues as requested by Statutes and Bylaws.

**Planning and Development** (P. C. Tai; chair): The committee has met twice and focused on the ASUR reports.

**Research** (Don Reitzes, chair): The committee has not met since the last Senate meeting.

**Statutes and Bylaws** (Marti Singer for Amy Lederberg; chair): The committee has been meeting monthly and continues to review the structure of the Senate. A set of principles was developed. Several committees’ self-studies have been reviewed and Statutes and Bylaws’ recommendations have been forwarded to the chairs.

**Student Discipline** (Sam Cox; chair): No report.

**Student Life and Development** (Rebecca Stout; chair): No report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate