MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE
February 17, 2005

PRESENT: Senate members: Lauren Adamson, Paul Alberto, Jeff Ashby, Al Baumstark, Perry Binder, Michael Binford, Faye Borthick, Deron Boyles, Catherine Brack, Greg Brack, Michelle Brattain, Kyle Bruner, Laura Burtle, Carolyn Codamo, David Cheshier, Ron Colarusso, Nannette Commander, Tim Crimmins, Dean Dabney, Charles Derby, Vijay Deshpande, Dabney Dixon, Stephen Dobranski, Crawford Elliott, Paul Farnham, Sally Fowler, Martin Fraser, Laura Fredrick, Teryl Frey, Bill Fritz, Shelby Frost, Peggy Gallagher, Christine Gallant, Sandra Garber, MaryAnne Gaunt, Richard Glover, Doug Goans, Cecelia Grindel, Amy Helling, Ron Henry, Hugh Hudson, Susan Kelley, Pat Ketsche, LaLoria Konata, Ralph LaRossa, Susan Laury, Steve Manson, John Marshall, John Medlock, Richard Miller, Sandra Miller, Ptlene Minick, Siva Nathan, Tom Netzel, Yi Pan, Marcia Pearl, Cherise Peters, Charlotte Petrek, Cora Presley, Jerry Rackliffe, George Rainbolt, Donald Reitzes, Tim Renick, Mary Ann Romski, Debbie Rupp, Jeff Rupp, Hazel Scott, Mary Shoffner, Marti Singer, Debra Snell, Tammy Sugarman, P. C. Tai, Ellen Taylor, Leonard Teel, Cherian Thachenkary, German Torres, Marta White, Frank Whittington, Carol Winkler, Jim Wolk, Maryann Wysor. Others attending: Matt Cochran, Rebecca Stout, Yongheng You.

ORDER: The vice chair, Provost Ron Henry, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the December 9, 2004, Senate meeting were approved with no changes.

COMMENTS BY THE VICE CHAIR: There has been a $5 million gift for the Science Teaching Laboratory from Pete Petit and the building will be named after him. This building is currently number seven on the BOR’s list for major projects. Only the first four major projects have been recommended for funding by the Legislature in FY06. There has been an attempt to get design money for the remaining projects from the supplemental budget. All indications are that the money won’t be forthcoming. Fewer credit hours were generated in FY05 than in FY04. This will have a significant negative impact on the FY07 budget of about $4.5 million. Recently the celebration for the Peachtree-Ellis site was held. It is anticipated that the residence halls built on this site will house 2000 in the Fall 2007.

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

1. **Policy on academic program evaluation** presented by the APACE Committee; Tim Renick, chair. This policy has been reviewed many times by various committees before this proposal was brought to the full Senate today. APACE has long been involved in making recommendations for new academic programs and in the evaluation of academic programs. No provision was ever made for the Senate’s involvement in the recommendations for the deactivation or termination of programs. This policy provides a framework for that process. Dr. Renick presented a friendly amendment. Under II, B, 1, the first line should now read, “Based on the APACE report, FACP shall deliberate on the question of enhancement, reorganization, downsizing, deactivation or termination of the program in question.” The question was called. The motion passed.

2. **Policy on donated leave program** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Richard Miller, chair. This program would be voluntary for employees. There will be a one-year trial period of this program. The question was called. The motion passed.

3. **Changes to the Faculty Handbook** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Richard Miller, chair. The proposed changes are editorial in nature and reflect the transition from quarters to semesters. The question was called. The motion passed.

4. **Policy on major declaration** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This proposal would move the point at which undergraduate students must declare a major from 60 hours to 42 hours. The question was called. The motion passed.

5. **Modify Regents’ writing skills requirement** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This proposal would allow a combination of SAT and ACT scores and grades in English 1101 to exempt students from the writing portion of the Regents Exam. The question was called. The motion passed.

6. **Modify the admissions requirements** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This policy would set up a system by which certain responses to questions on the admissions application will trigger further review. The question was called. The motion passed.

7. **Modify the membership of the admissions appeals committee** presented by the Admissions and
Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This proposal will put Georgia State’s admissions appeals policy in line with the current practice. The question was called. The motion passed.

8. **Strategic Plan for 2005-2010** presented by the Planning and Development Committee; P. C. Tai, chair. This plan has been reviewed by many groups across campus prior to its coming to Planning and Development for final approval. The floor was opened for discussion. Dean Colarusso pointed out that with the current budget and without new funding, it would be impossible for the College of Education to reach the goal (stated on page 26) of doubling the number of certified teachers from 350 to 800. Provost Henry agreed that several goals listed in this plan wouldn’t be able to be fulfilled without additional funding. Tom Netzel stated that Georgia State made it through the last five years by bringing more students to campus. We had the resources to accommodate these additional students. He believes that at this point in time, the university is at maximum capacity. Georgia State will not be able to weather the next few years of bad budgets by trying to do the same. He anticipates “bottlenecks” in programs across campus as more student vie for fewer class spaces. The university will have to do very careful planning to meet the goals stated in this document. Dr. Netzel moved to strike the last sentence in the first full paragraph on page 23 stating that it seemed “out of focus” with the rest of the document. This amendment was proposed and seconded. Christine Gallant stated that she opposed this motion because faculty in the humanities don’t get the same kind of external grants as faculty in the sciences get. Carol Winkler also opposed this motion saying that research support from the central administration should be the same across the university. The question was called on the amendment. The amendment did not pass. There was a brief discussion of the continued use of non-tenure track faculty. The question was called on the original document. The motion passed.

Information item: Dates for the 2005-2006 Senate meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

APACE (Tim Renick, chair): The committee met once. In addition to working on today’s proposal, the committee has discussed the core curriculum in preparation for the SACS re-accreditation process and approved a legal track for the BS in Criminal Justice degree.

Admissions and Standards (George Rainbolt, chair): The committee has met twice. In addition to today’s proposals, it has a subcommittee reviewing the rules and procedures for GPA restrictions for 3000-4000 level courses.

Athletics (Laurie Tis, chair): No report.

Budget (Hugh Hudson; chair): The committee met once since the last Senate meeting. It discussed the work of the joint subcommittee of APACE and Budget on assessment indicators. It formed a joint subcommittee with Faculty Affairs to review at salary compression and inversion.

Commencement (Carl Patton, chair): No report.

Cultural Diversity (Cora Presley, chair): The committee has met twice since the last Senate meeting. It reviewed the report from the subcommittee working on the African American male initiative. The subcommittee prioritized the recommendations into short-term and long-term objectives and forwarded to the Provost. The Provost has given VP Hazel Scott oversight responsibility for implementing the campus plan for better recruitment and retention of African American males. The committee will be working with VP Scott on this plan. The committee approved a final draft of the racial climate survey that will be administered to undergraduates in the Spring 2005.

Executive (Paul Alberto, chair): The primary focus has been finalizing the motion from APACE that was presented at today’s meeting. The administrator evaluations for Spring 2005 have been conducted and the data is being compiled for distribution to the evaluation committees. The first meeting of the 05-06 Senate is April 21, 2005.

Faculty Affairs (Richard Miller, chair): The committee has met twice since the last Senate meeting. There is a subcommittee looking at governance in regards to non-tenure track faculty and PTI’s. A subcommittee is also looking at changes in the format of the administrator evaluations.

FACP (Ron Henry, chair): The committee has met several times. The committee has recommended to the President that .67% be taken back from each of the major units this year in order to balance the budget.
IS&T (Marty Fraser, chair): The committee has worked on several items: updating budget priorities and submitting them to the budget priorities subcommittee; discussing and modifying of the notification of the appropriate use statement; and developing a process to handle the extensions of student technology fee award expenditures.

Library Advisory (Dave Pavesic, chair): No report.

Planning and Development (P. C. Tai, chair): The committee has met twice. The committee passed the 2005 annual action plan and the strategic plan for 2005-2010. There was discussion of the MRR list.

Research (Don Reitzes, chair): The committee has met twice since the last Senate meeting. Subcommittees have been active doing the following: working on reviewing research centers, continually reviewing policies and procedures of the Research Office’s internal grants programs; and working on the university’s strategic plan. It heard a report from GSURF and elected a new faculty member to that board.

Statutes and Bylaws (Marti Singer, chair): The committee has been meeting monthly and continues to review the structure of the Senate. It has agreed to divide the revisions between committee duties and committee membership and should have a proposal for the next Senate meeting.

Student Discipline (Sam Cox, chair): No report.

Student Life and Development (Rebecca Stout, chair): The committee has met once. It heard an update on the current RFP process for domestic student health insurance; a report on the homecoming activities; and a report on the FY06 student activity fee allocation process. The committee discussed changes to the Student Code of Conduct and made recommendations to Admissions and Standards on the academic honesty policy. It approved additional student organizations making the total number of student organizations 268 for this year.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate