ORDER: The vice chair, Provost Ron Henry called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 16, 2006, Senate meeting were approved with one change.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Election of the 2006-2007 Executive Committee.** Dr. Henry opened the floor for nominations. The names were recorded as nominated:

- Paul Alberto, College of Education
- Siva Nathan, Robinson College of Business
- Donald Reitzes, College of Arts and Sciences
- Debbie Rupp, Staff
- Dean Dabney, College of Health and Human Sciences
- Greg Streib, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies
- Dabney Dixon, College of Arts and Sciences

The nominations were closed. Dr. Henry asked the senators to complete their ballots. The ballots were collected and tallied. While waiting for the results, the vice chair continued with new business.

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

1. **Motion on Declaration of Major** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This proposal states that all applicants other than freshman must declare a degree and major at application. Freshmen must declare a degree and major one calendar year after their first enrollment at GSU. The question was called. The motion passed.

2. **Motion on COMPASS Retest Policy** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This proposal will get GSU in compliance with a recently required BOR retest policy. The question was called. The motion passed.

3. **Motion on Double Majors and Dual Degrees** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This proposal will expand the “five year rule” to apply not only to students pursuing dual degrees, but also those students working towards double majors. This will encourage interdisciplinary work. The question was called. The motion passed.

4. **Motion to Amend the Disruptive Student Policy** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Cecelia Grindel, chair. The amendments to this policy are editorial. There is no real substantive change to the policy. Mindy Stombler proposed a friendly amendment (adding the text in bold): “Such behavior includes, but is not limited to, verbal or physical threats, repeated obscenities, unreasonable interference with class discussion, making/receiving personal phone calls, **text messages**, or pages during class, leaving and entering class frequently in the absence of notice to instructor of illness or other extenuating circumstances, **excessive tardiness**, and persisting in disruptive personal conversations with other class members.” Dr. Grindel accepted this friendly amendment. The question was called. The motion passed.
C. **Nominations Report** presented by the Nominations Committee; Dean Dabney, chair. The committee presented the report as distributed with two friendly amendments: the addition of the Staff Council appointees and the deletion of Hassan Babaie from the Library Committee and his addition to the IS&T Committee. Dr. Dabney moved that the report be approved with the cited amendments. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

D. Information Items distributed to Senators: meeting dates, 06-07 Senate members, retention report, recommendations for LGBT issues on the GSU campus, and the summary reports for the administrators evaluated this Spring: Ron Henry, Jerry Rackliffe, J.L. Albert, Ron Colarusso, and Charlene Hurt.

Since the ballots were still being tallied, Dr. Henry gave a brief statement about the budget. The BOR met recently concerning the budget and GSU has been informed of its state appropriations and the tuition and fee increases for next year. Due to the funding formula, GSU did lose funding this year because of credit hour losses. Under the new Chancellor’s influence, there has been a significant shift away from credit hours towards strategic initiatives. The Chancellor stated that in future years, more of the budget would likely be allocated towards compelling policy needs. For FY07, strategic allocations reflect three key priorities areas: 1) addressing the nursing shortage in the state; 2) retention, progression, and graduation; and 3) enhancing productivity and efficiency through technology. GSU received $100,000 in research university operating funds. The research institutions got a 5% increase for the general student. For freshmen, there was a 7% increase in rates and a lock-in tuition for the next four years. The $40 increase in the athletic fee was passed and the student technology fee will increase by $10.

The Senate Executive Committee election results were announced:
- Paul Alberto, College of Education
- Siva Nathan, Robinson College of Business
- Donald Reitzes, College of Arts and Sciences
- Debbie Rupp, Staff
- Dean Dabney, College of Health and Human Sciences
- Dabney Dixon, College of Arts and Sciences

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate