
ORDER: The chair, President Carl Patton, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 17, 2008, Senate meeting were approved with no changes.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: President Patton announced that the presidential search process was going well and that an announcement was expected soon. Dr. Patton has been focused on the budget with the BOR and the legislature. He reiterated the importance of being fully funded and that higher education needs to remain a priority.

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

1. Motions on Charlene Hurt presented by the Library Committee; Deron Boyles, chair. The committee moved to commend and thank publicly Charlene Hurt in honor of her eleven years of service. The resolution highlighted the key successes of her tenure. The question was called. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Motion on exemptions to the Regents’ Test presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. All exemptions to the Regents’ Test that are authorized by the BOR will be implemented at GSU. The Provost or the Provost’s designee will determine the timing of the implementation. The question was called. The motion passed.

3. Motion on the new Regents’ Test policy presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. The BOR made some changes in its policy on the Regents’ Test and this proposal will put Georgia State in line with those additional changes. The question was called. The motion passed.

4. Motion on the academic calendar presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This proposal moves the fall semester midpoint from October 1 to October 15. The question was called. The motion passed.

5. Motion on A+ grading presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. The BOR has authorized Georgia State to add an A+ to its grading scale. This will go into effect with spring semester, 2009. The floor was opened for discussion. Michael Eriksen stated that he would like the evaluation of the plus-minus grading system to be completed before adding the A+ (with a value of 4.3) grade. The pilot began without the A+ and should be completed and analyzed before adding the A+ grade. This issue needs further discussion. The question was called. The votes were counted by hand and, once all the votes were accounted for, the motion passed.

6. Motion to amend the April 17 Nominations Report presented by the Nominations Committee; Shelby Frost, chair. The changes indicated are as a result of the election of student senators and various changes in faculty senators and in the administration. The question was called. The motion passed.

7. Motion to the USG Faculty Council Bylaws presented by the Executive Committee; Paul Alberto, chair. The BOR Statutes stipulate that there must be a USG-wide governance body. These bylaws were drafted and have been approved by 10 of the 35 USG institutions. This must be approved by at least 17 institutions before it is official. The question was called. The motion passed.

8. Resolution on Proposed Changes to the COLA Increases presented by the Budget Committee; Hugh Hudson; chair. The Faculty Affairs Committee has passed this resolution and Dr. Hudson moves that the full Senate approve this
document as well. The question was called. The motion passed.

Information Items: Exemption from Regents’ Writing Skills, RGTE 0199 and reports on evaluation of administrators: VP Peterman and Dean Adamson.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Academic Programs (Sara Weigle, chair): The committee has met 3 times. It has approved two undergraduate RCB certificates; two graduate RCB certificates; and the Ph.D. in Neuroscience. Two subcommittees have been created: 1) overseeing the GSU 1010/Freshman Learning Communities and 2) overseeing the Perspectives courses.

Admissions and Standards (George Rainbolt, chair): The committee has met 2 times. Dr. Rainbolt thanked all those committee members who have been serving on petitions committees. Future agenda items include: revision of the admission discipline questions, reworking of the petitions process, S/U grading, and a new attendance policy (this item will include input from Faculty Affairs, CAP, Athletics, and Student Life and Development Committee).

Athletics (Teryl Frey, chair): The committee met once. It heard a report on compliance, student athlete development, and budget and operations from the Athletics Department. It will meet in January and consider a strategic plan that the Athletics Department is putting forward.

Budget (Hugh Hudson, chair): The committee has met twice. It has worked on the COLA resolution and has set up a subcommittee to review possible budget reductions.

Commencement (Carl Patton, chair): The committee has met once. Fall commencement is on Monday, December 16, at 6:00 p.m. at the Georgia Dome.

Cultural Diversity (Christine Gallant, chair): The committee has met 3 times. It has been working to implement the recommendations from the 2005 Undergraduate Racial Climate Survey and on a pilot mentoring program for African-American male undergraduates. It is considering adding a diversity question to faculty evaluations. Dr. Gallant updated the Senate on the committee’s campaign to persuade the BOR to subsidize the healthcare benefits for domestic partners of USG employees.

Executive (Paul Alberto, chair): The two ad hoc committees created by this committee have been meeting and working on their assigned issues. These committees will present their recommendations by February 1. Mike Metzler made a brief appeal about the State Charitable Campaign. Contributions are due by November 14.

Faculty Affairs (Peggy Albers, chair): The committee has met 3 times. Issues it is working on are: childcare at GSU, off campus housing, career ladders, retirement, tenure clock delay, family leave, customized textbooks, attendance policy, and an agenda for the new president.

FACP (Ron Henry, chair): The committee has met several times. In anticipation of potential budget cuts, it has asked the major units for a 1% hold. In anticipation of extra revenues due to an increase of 200 freshmen next year, the committee made a recommendation to the president on how best to use that revenue. The president has accepted the committee’s recommendation.

IS&T (George Pullman, chair): No report.

Library (Deron Boyles, chair): The committee has received a $25,000 tech fee award for electronic books. It encourages everyone to be aware of and to participate in the digital archives. It presented the new Dean of Libraries, Nan Seamans, a new book entitled “The Library at Night”.

Planning and Development (P.C. Tai, chair): The committee has met 2 times. It has approved various ASUR reports and a subcommittee is working on the MRRF list.

Research (Rose Sevcik, chair): The committee has met 2 times. It has worked with HR staff to facilitate hires on sponsored projects. It has discussed issues on research compliance and research computing.

Student Discipline (Valerie Miller, chair): No report.

Student Life and Development (Elisabeth Burgess, chair): The committee has met 3 times. It has approved 21 student charters, approved some minor revisions to the student code regarding campus posting, and is working on a smoking
space taskforce with Staff Council.

University Statutes and Senate Bylaws (Marti Singer, chair): The committee has met once to discuss a motion regarding emergency meetings of the Senate.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate