MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE
March 12, 2009

PRESENT: Senate members: Lauren Adamson, Peggy Albers, J.L. Albert, Paul Alberto, Randall Alberts, Amber Amari, Julie Ancis, JoAnn Bacon, Dee Baldwin, Chip Barkdside, Tim Bartness, Elizabeth Beck, Mark Becker, Faye Borthick, Deron Boyles, Elisabeth Burgess, Tom Caiafa, Brendan Calandra, Pedro Carrillo, Doug Covey, Jeremy Crampton, Cheryl Delk, Jeremy Diem, Dabney Dixon, John Duffield, Irene Duhaime, Susan Easterbrooks, Florian Enescu, Michael Eriksen, Evan Eskridge, Mary Finn, Laura Fredrick, Patrick Freer, Teryl Frey, Alex Gallimore, Christine Gallant, Sandra Garber, MaryAnne Gaunt, Gerald Gay, Mary Catherine Gebhardt, Karen Gieseker, Lynda Goodfellow, Shif Girmu, Kerry Heyward, John Hicks, David Houchins, Robin Huff, Olga Jarrett, Andrew Jordan, Susan Kelley, Laura Kimble, LaLoria Konata, Richard Lakes, Peter Lindsay, Steve Manson, Joyce Many, Kathryn McClymond, Susan McCombie, John Medlock, San Miller, Valerie Miller, Robin Morris, Yi Pan, David Pavesic, Joe Perry, Bruce Pilling, Cora Presley, Bill Prigge, Jerry Rackliffe, Mike Raderstorf, George Rainbolt, Mark Reed, Don Reitzes, Mary Ann Romski, Nancy Jo Schafer, Nancy Seamans, Rose Sevcik, Mary Shoffner, Alexandra Smirnova, Kenne Stephens, Mindy Stombler, P.C. Tai, Ellen Taylor, Leslie Taylor, Liz Throop, Vijay Vaishnavi, Sara Weigle, Marta White, Shelly-Ann Williams, Katherine Willoughby, Carol Winkler, Yichuan Zhao. Others attending: David Caudill, Rebecca Stout.

ORDER: The chair, President Mark Becker, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the December 11, 2008, Senate meeting were approved with no changes.

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

1. **Motion to accept Military Science 1000/2000 credit** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. GSU ROTC cadets are at a disadvantage compared to their peers nationally. A majority of colleges and universities accept these courses as electives. The question was called. The motion passed with one vote in opposition.

2. **Academic Professionals promotion policy** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Peggy Albers, chair. This policy would require each college/division to establish a policy that articulates the promotional criteria and review of academic professionals. The question was called. The motion passed.

3. **Change section 311.02.01 of the Faculty Handbook** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Peggy Albers, chair. This policy recommends that the student evaluation questions common to all GSU colleges be made available to the SGA Office in electronic form. The question was called. The motion passed with one vote in opposition.

4. **Proposed syllabus statement on student disabilities** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Peggy Albers, chair. This will add a statement on all syllabi informing students of their rights regarding accommodations for disabilities. Carol Winkler suggested a friendly amendment: delete the phrase “in Suite 230 of the Student Center”. The friendly amendment was accepted. The floor was turned over to Christine Gallant, chair of the Cultural Diversity Committee, to explain why this statement was requested. The question was called. The motion passed with one vote in opposition.

The chair noted the three information items that were included in the materials for the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive (Paul Alberto, chair): Dr. Alberto stated that Mary Finn will prepare a template for review by the Executive Committee and the Faculty Affairs Committee regarding the information now required on course syllabi. The Staff Retention Report will be put on the intranet. He thanked Debbie Rupp for initiating this task force. A liaison from the Senate Executive Committee will be meeting with the Staff Council to discuss how to put into effect the various recommendations. The Provost search is up and running and a campus website will be available for the university community.

Academic Programs (Sara Weigle, chair): The committee has met twice. It approved some new minors and concentrations and some external degree programs. Some MAT degrees were deactivated. It approved a certificate in Brand and Customer Management in the RCB. A subcommittee is in place to update all documentation on approving CAP policies and procedures.

Admissions and Standards (George Rainbolt, chair): The committee has met once. In addition to today’s agenda items, subcommittees are working on: the use of the international English language testing system for admission, the repeat-to-replace policy, class attendance policy, a policy on joint-enrollment home school students, a policy on S/U grading, a
policy on non-reported grades, and a report on plus/minus and "W" grades.

Athletics (Teryl Frey, chair): The committee has met once since the last Senate meeting. It received reports from the Athletics Department. Construction on a football practice field will begin in late Spring or early Summer. It is anticipated that space at Morris Brown College will be rented for use until GSU’s field is operational. It approved the Spring athletics schedule.

Budget (Peggy Albers for Hugh Hudson, chair): The committee met once with Ron Henry as a guest to discuss the budget situation and implications.

Commencement (Mark Becker, chair): The committee has not yet met. There will be a change for Spring commencement. There will be a separate ceremony for doctoral candidates in the morning at the Rialto.

Cultural Diversity (Christine Gallant, chair): The committee has met twice. It has worked with the Disability Initiative Committee to prioritize a list of the issues to address in a proposed University policy on accommodating the disabled.

Faculty Affairs (Peggy Albers, chair): The committee has met twice. In addition to the items brought forward today, subcommittees have been working on several issues. Issues being reviewed are: BOR changes, tenure clock delay, and the evaluation of administrator procedures.

FACP (Paul Alberto for Ron Henry, chair): The committee has met several times. At present, the state has not forwarded the FY10 budget.

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

Library (Deron Boyles, chair): The committee met once. The committee has been reviewing the various periodicals that will have to be cut from the Library budget. At present, 758 titles have been selected. A link will be put on the Library web site for the University community to make comments regarding this process. The committee will review the comments and have final input on journal reductions at an August 2009 meeting. All faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to review the list and make comments regarding retaining or eliminating the selected journals.

Planning and Development (P.C. Tai, chair): The committee has met twice. It has approved the MRRF list and the 2009 Action Plan. The subcommittee on traffic and campus safety has been working hard.

Research (Rose Sevcik, chair): The committee has met twice. It approved the research center review for the Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics. The VPFA, Jerry Rackliffe, met with the committee to discuss the current budget situation and the University’s indirect cost funds.

Student Discipline (Valerie Miller, chair): There have been several hearings this past Senate year. The majority of the cases dealt with graduate students. Since Dr. Miller will not be returning to the Senate in April, she thanked everyone who has worked with her during the time she has served on the Senate.

Student Life and Development (Elisabeth Burgess, chair): The committee has met once. It approved six new student organizations. A class attendance policy will be brought to the April Senate meeting. It has been reviewing the policy library as it impacts SLAD issues.

University Statutes and Senate Bylaws (Paul Alberto for Marti Singer, chair): The committee has not met since the last Senate meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate