
ORDER: The chair, President Mark Becker, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the December 10, 2009 Senate meeting were approved with no changes.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: The chair remarked on the Science Center dedication ceremony. It was well attended with people from the state government, various foundations, and the university community. Bart Hildreath has resigned as dean of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies and an internal search for his replacement is underway. The strategic planning process is extremely important and will set the university's direction for at least the next five years, possibly ten. There is no pre-ordained plan already in place.

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

1. **Revise the policy on class attendance** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This policy will bring GSU’s policy in line with peer, USG, and CAA institutions. The chair recommended a friendly amendment: delete the section titled “Regent’s Test Preparation” since the BOR exempted GSU from the testing program last week. The amendment was accepted. The question was called. The motion passed.

2. **Transfer credit and academic residency** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. In addition to editorial clean up, this proposal repeals the rule that “a maximum of 60 semester hours from a two-year college or 81 semester hours from a four-year college may be applied...”. At least one-half of the hours comprising the major must be taken at GSU. The question was called. The motion passed.

3. **Academic residency for joint degree, dual degree, and exchange programs** presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This motion allows up to nine hours of 3000-4000 level credit in an official exchange program, joint degree program, or dual degree program to count toward our residency requirement. The question was called. The motion passed.

4. **New BOR core curriculum rules** presented by the Admissions and Standards and the Academic Program Committees; George Rainbolt and Sara Weigle, chairs. Dr. Rainbolt presented the motion. This motion puts GSU in compliance with the new core curriculum rules passed by the Board of Regents. The question was called. The motion passed.

5. **Revise the Senate Bylaws, Article VII. Committees** presented by the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; Paul Alberto for John Duffield, chair. This will modify the student representation on the Senate Budget Committee. The question was called. The motion passed.

6. **Proposal on emeriti faculty** presented by the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; Paul Alberto for John Duffield, chair. This will allow a representative from the Emeriti Association to serve as a non-voting member of the Senate and on the Faculty Affairs and Commencement Committees in a non-voting capacity. The question was called. The motion passed.

7. **Resolution on financial exigency** presented by the Budget and Faculty Affairs Committees; Hugh Hudson and Peggy Albers, chairs. Dr. Hudson presented the motion. This resolution clarifies operations in regards to tenured faculty if there is a declaration of financial exigency. This will put GSU in compliance with best practices nationally. The question was called. The resolution passed.

8. **Procedures for the evaluation of administrators** presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee; Peggy Albers, chair. Dr.
Albers gave a brief history of the development of this proposal. Carol Winkler asked for clarity regarding recommendation number 5: methodological improvements recommended. Dr. Albers stated that the instruments are fluid documents and may need to be revised if/when the administrator’s duties and responsibilities change. Dr. Winkler moved to amend the document by deleting this recommendation from the proposal so that the full Senate will continue to monitor when changes are made to the instruments. This amendment was seconded and approved. The question was called on the amended proposal. The motion passed.

The chair reviewed the two information items included in the senators’ packets.

SPEAKER: Vice President for Research Robin Morris gave an update on the Research Office and the progress Georgia State has made since becoming designated as a research university in 1995. He described some of the exciting features of the new Science Building. He recognized the many people and committees involved in making this building happen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive (Paul Alberto, chair): Today’s agenda items were approved at the last committee meeting. Dr. Alberto thanked those senators who are rotating off for their service over the last year. He gave an update on the strategic planning process and announced that open forums are being scheduled.

Academic Programs (Sara Weigle, chair): The committee met twice. It has approved new programs: a dual B.S./M.A.T. degree between GSU and Georgia Tech and a dual B.A./J.D. degree for GSU Honors students. Provost Palm spoke to the committee about academic program review.

Admissions and Standards (George Rainbolt, chair): The committee has met twice. In addition to the items approved today there are subcommittees working on: clarifying the double degree/dual degree policy, credit for courses taken while in the military, and upper-division enrollment.

Athletics (Teryl Frey, chair): The committee met once. It was given updates on the sports teams’ academic progress and on the progress of the upgrades of athletic facilities.

Budget (Hugh Hudson, chair): The committee has met twice. It worked on the ADP report and the resolution on financial exigency. Dr. Hudson thanked the members of the subcommittee on ADP for all their hard work and effort in producing this report.

Commencement (Mark Becker, chair): Professor Hugh Hudson will speak at the Spring Ph.D. ceremony. Christian Amanpour will speak at the Spring commencement ceremony. The committee met to finalize arrangements for the May commencement ceremonies.

Cultural Diversity (Christine Gallant, chair): The committee has met four times. It is working to produce two discussion papers for submission to the Strategic Planning Committee. The subcommittee on disability initiatives, chaired by Susan Easterbrooks, is preparing a discussion paper on disabilities. The full committee is preparing a discussion paper on faculty diversity.

Faculty Affairs (Peggy Albers, chair): The committee has met six times. It has been working on the administrator evaluation proposal that was passed today, as well as other items: a permanent tenure clock stoppage leave policy, phased retirement, tuition exchange program, textbook rental, and issues relating to maternity and paternity leave.

FACP (Risa Palm, chair): The committee has met three times. With the budget situation uncertain, no recommendations have been made to the president. The president met with the committee at its last meeting to discuss possible scenarios.

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

Library (Deron Boyles, chair): The committee continues to revise the process for journal reductions. It is looking at a digital archives update in the fall.

Planning and Development (P.C. Tai, chair): The committee has met twice. The MRR subcommittee submitted its request to the BOR. A major concern for the committee is campus safety, particularly traffic and congestion around the new science building.

Research (Don Reitzes for Rose Sevcik, chair): The committee has met three times. The policy for hiring individuals within postdoctoral research appointments was presented, discussed, and is being refined. The reviews of two research centers have been completed. The committee will revisit the policy on establishing and defining research centers and their funding needs.

Student Discipline (Marta White, chair): The committee has deliberated over nine cases in the past two weeks. The committee has begun recommending the use of the temporary transcript annotation in minor cases. It is also working on the universal document on academic dishonesty with Admissions and Standards, the Center for Teaching and Learning, and the Office of the Dean of Students.
Student Life and Development (Elisabeth Burgess, chair): The committee has met twice. It has approved 11 student organization charters. It has revisited the policy on chartering student organizations and passed some revisions to the code.

University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee (John Duffield, chair): The committee met once to discuss and approve the items that were approved today.

OLD BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate