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

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 15, 2010 Senate meeting were approved with no changes.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: The chair reported that Chancellor Davis will be retiring at the end of June 2011. Enrollment this Fall semester was approximately 31,000. Dr. Becker reported on graduation rates and the efforts that Georgia State is making in that regard. GSU's efforts are showing progress and signs of success. Fundraising for FY10 was up 13% over last year. The strategic planning committee brought in two very stimulating speakers in September: Neil Howe and Gregory Petsko. The Confucius Institute will officially open on Friday, October 15.

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

1. Motion on ARCHE Cross-Registration presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. The Atlanta Regional Consortium for Higher Education (ARCHE) updated its rules and regulations. This motion will put GSU's policies in line with these recent changes. The question was called. The motion passed.

2. Move on When Ready presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This is a new admissions classification created by state law. This motion specifies the requirements for admission under this program. The question was called. The motion passed.

3. Revise Article VIII of the University Statutes presented by the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; John Duffield, chair. This motion was withdrawn from consideration.

4. Revise Article VII, Section 9 of the Senate Bylaws presented by the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; John Duffield, chair. The proposed revisions reflect changes in job titles that resulted from a recent reorganization in the Division of Student Affairs. The question was called. The motion passed.

5. Revise Article VII, Section 16 of the Senate Bylaws presented by the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee; John Duffield, chair. This motion allows a representative from the Counseling and Testing Center to serve on the Cultural Diversity Committee rather than requiring the senator from that unit to serve. The question was called. The motion passed.
6. **Intellectual Property Policy Revisions** presented by the Research Committee; Rose Sevcik, chair. The revisions pertain to the make up of the individuals who will be asked to review the materials being brought forward for review and consideration. The question was called. The motion passed.

7. **Addendum to the April 15, 2010 Nominations Report** presented by the Nominations Committee; Don Reitzes for Shelby Frost, chair. This addendum reflects the addition of student senators and other changes in Senate appointments. The question was called. The motion passed.

8. **Creation of an Honors College** presented by the Executive Committee; Paul Alberto, chair. This will be a significant change in the structure of the university. An Honors College will be created effective July 1, 2011. The question was called. The motion passed.

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

**SPEAKER:** Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness Peter Lyons gave a presentation on “The Survey of Research Doctorates” by the National Research Council.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Executive (Paul Alberto, chair): Today’s agenda items were approved at the last committee meeting. Dr. Alberto highlighted the most recent draft outline of the Strategic Plan. The committee will meet next Wednesday to do some final edits before the document goes on the web. He gave the dates of the October forums. The final draft of this plan will be voted on at the January 27, 2011 Senate meeting.

Academic Programs (Sara Weigle, chair): The committee has met three times. In addition to approving several APRC reports and the Ph.D. in Public Health, there are two initiatives. One is a subcommittee that will be streamlining the process and template of the academic program review and the other is a subcommittee that will create a template for new proposals for joint and dual degree programs.

Admissions and Standards (George Rainbolt, chair): Dr. Rainbolt gave an overview of the 2010 admissions cycles and the most recent retention figures. This has been a very challenging time to recruit students primarily because of the current financial situation. He noted that Tim Renick and Scott Burke did an exceptional job turning around a transfer picture which looked rather negative at one point. Overall, with admissions and retention we have room to improve but GSU is doing a very good job.

Athletics (Kris Varjis): The committee has met once. It will be reviewing the bylaws for this committee as a result in changes in Athletics. The committee will be conducting an internal review for the NCAA Academic Services.

Budget (Volkan Topalli for Katherine Willoughby, chair): The committee met throughout the summer. It reviewed GSU budget guidelines and prepared a report summarizing the role of the Budget Committee. This report was presented to FACP in August. The committee has upgraded its web page with additional information and created three subcommittees that are engaged in generating short, analytical reports concerning: mandatory fees and offsite centers, out of state tuition, and career transition/voluntary retirement.

Commencement (Mark Becker, chair): Fall commencement for bachelor, master, and specialist degrees will be held on Wednesday, December 15 at 2:00 p.m. Mayor Kasim Reed will give the commencement address. The Ph.D. commencement and hooding ceremony will be on Sunday, December 12 at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Jennifer McCoy will deliver the keynote address.

Cultural Diversity (Christine Gallant, chair): The committee has met once and reviewed the progress of the Diversity Strategic Plan. It has received a report on the newly created Safe Spaces Zone initiative. Dr.
Gallant announced that October 13 is Disability Awareness Day. A program on this issue is being held in the Student Center Ballroom.

Faculty Affairs (David Cheshier, chair): The committee’s ongoing agenda includes an effort to make the administrative evaluation language consistent with the procedures most recently adopted, policies relating to maternity leave and parental leave, and options for phased retirement. In addition, the committee will be examining faculty salary compression and competitiveness as they relate to workload and institutional practices and spousal and dual career hiring and retention policy. Access to professional development leaves will also be reviewed.

FACP (Risa Palm, chair): The committee has met twice. It discussed summer revenues and reviewed a report from the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee will be meeting monthly and is working on plans for the year to enable more timely feedback to FACP about various budgetary issues.

IS&T (Brendan Calandra, chair): The committee has been working on the upcoming migration to Outlook.

Library (Deron Boyles, chair): The committee has completed the final report on the journal cancellations and it has been sent to the university community. Faculty concerned about journals being eliminated should assign students work that requires accessing those journals. The digital archives will be expanding in an effort to make faculty research and scholarship more accessible and promoted by the university.

Planning and Development (P.C. Tai, chair): No report.

Research (Rose Sevick, chair): The IACUC advisory committee has been created in response to faculty input. The committee reviewed the data prepared by the Research Office on the use of the IRB in the past year. An ad hoc subcommittee is writing a policy for research centers.

Student Discipline (Frances McCarty for Marta White, chair): The committee has not met for a hearing.

Student Life and Development (Steve Carey, chair): The committee has met twice. The committee is working on changes to the Student Code of Conduct and will have a motion ready for the next meeting. A sub-committee is forming to discuss the smoking policy on campus.

University Statutes and Senate Bylaws (John Duffield, chair): The committee has met twice. In addition to the items on today’s agenda, it heard a presentation by Julie Bannerman regarding the university policy on policies. The Policy Advisory Group needs to be reconstituted.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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