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UNIVERSITY SENATE  
March 17, 2011  

PRESENT: Senate members: Lauren Adamson, Peggy Albers, Paul Alberto, J. L. Albert, Julie Ancis, JoAnn Bacon, Pamela Barr, Pam Barr, Tim Bartness, Elizabeth Beck, Mark Becker, Faye Borthick, Deron Boyles, Michael Brandenburg, Michelle Brattain, Laura Burtle, Brendan Calandra, Pedro Carrillo, David Caudill, David Cheshier, Lisa Cranwell-Brice, Doug Covey, Harry Dangel, Julie Dangel, John Decker, Cheryl Delk, Dabney Dixon, James Dutton, Susan Easterbrooks, Laura Fredrick, Patrick Freer, Peggy Gallagher, Christine Gallant, MaryAnne Gaunt, Gerald Gay, Doug Goans, Beth Gyllys, Steve Harmon, Robert Harrison, Larry Heath, Kerry Heyward, DeAnna Hines, Hugh Hudson, Robin Huff, Olga Jarrett, Bill Kahnweiler, Susan Kelley, Gabe Kuperminc, Peter Lindsay, Peter Lyons, Steve Manson, Walter Massey, John Medlock, Mike Metzler, San Miller, Robin Morris, Siva Nathan, Risa Palm, Chester Phillips, Cora Presley, Jerry Rackliffe, Mike Raderstorff, George Rainbolt, Bala Ramesh, Tim Renick, Mary Ann Romski, Nancy Jo Schafer, Nancy Seamsans, Rose Sevcik, Christine Skwiot, Alexandra Smirnova, Ram Sriram, Sarah Steiner, Cherian Thachenkary, Brian Thoms, Jowanna Tillman, Volkam Topalli, Winnie Tsang-Kosma, Kris Varjas, Yongsheng Xu, Mary Beth Walker, Tai Wang, Irene Weber, Michael Weeks, Sara Weigle, Marta White, Katherine Willoughby, Maryann Wyisor.  

Guests: Julie Bannerman, Miriam Jackson, Andrea Jones, Caroline Lombard, Rebecca Stout.  

ORDER: The chair, President Mark Becker, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.  

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 27, 2011 Senate meeting were approved with no changes.  

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: The chair reported that there have been four retreats focusing on the recently passed strategic plan. The plan has gotten positive feedback from both internal and external sources. Central Atlanta Progress recently held its annual business meeting and at that meeting it awarded GSU alum Bill Balzer and his wife, Peg, the Turner Broadcasting Downtown Leadership Award for their work in downtown Atlanta and Georgia State. Today is crossover day in the state legislature. Nothing has changed in the budget since the governor gave his state of the state address. Former president Jimmy Carter will speak at the May commencement ceremony. The chair called on Hugh Hudson for an update on the chancellor search. Dr. Hudson said the search has concluded and that all the candidates had an academic background. An announcement will be made in April. Provost Palm gave an update on the searches for the Dean of Nursing, the Dean of the Honors College, and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.  

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

1. **Policy on Financial Disclosures in Sponsored Instruction, Research or Service Activities** presented by the Research Committee; Rose Sevcik, chair. The policy has been presented to the Deans and Associate Deans, as well as being approved by the Research Committee. The question was called. The motion passed.  

2. **Policy on Conflict of Commitment and Conflict of Interest** presented by the Research Committee; Rose Sevcik, chair. The policy has been presented to the Deans and Associate Deans, as well as being approved by the Research Committee. The question was called. The motion passed.  

3. **Georgia State Research Centers** presented by the Research; Rose Sevcik, chair. Dr. Sevcik moved that the document be approved as presented. The question was called. The motion passed.  

COMMITTEE REPORTS:  

Executive (Paul Alberto, chair): The Executive Committee has taken the recommendations cited in the Cultural Diversity Committee’s study on pay equity and are moving forward. The committee is expanding on the recommendations and asking for a proposal that pay is looked at annually or every other year. Don Reitzes is chairing a committee that is reviewing policies on promotion and tenure and is expected to produce a report sometime in the fall. Dr. Alberto thanked the senators who will be rotating off for their service over the past Senate year.  

Academic Programs (Sara Weigle, chair): The committee has met once and had a very productive meeting. It approved three new degrees, one certificate program, three concentrations, four deactivations, two changes in delivery/location, and a substantive change in an existing degree program.  

Admissions and Standards (George Rainbolt, chair): Dr. Rainbolt gave the Spring admissions and retention report. The
committee has met once and is working on the following items: spring break, S/U grading, upper division requirements in business and nursing, and transient credit.

Athletics (Kris Varjjs): The committee has met once and finalized a proposal to amend the Senate bylaws for this committee. The committee is in the final stage of data collection for its review of the academic support program.

Budget (Katherine Willoughby, chair): The committee has met twice and continues to monitor the career transition program proposal as it moves through the system. The committee will be finishing up a report on off-site centers and fees and will consider other topics submitted to it for review. Copies of all the committee’s reports as well as other information can be found at the Budget Committee’s web site.

Commencement (Mark Becker, chair): The committee will meet soon.

Cultural Diversity (Christine Gallant, chair): The committee has met twice. It continued the discussion of the Faculty Salary Equity initiative and it approved the final report and recommendations from the subcommittee on Dataset Analysis. The issue of electronic voting was discussed as well.

Faculty Affairs (David Cheshier, chair): The committee did not meet in February. It is continuing its work on several issues: undocumented students in public higher education, maternity leave and parental leave, salary compression, and professional development leave policies.

FACP (Risa Palm, chair): The committee has met twice. There were discussions on the Budget Committee’s report on out-of-state tuition and on policy and procedure options regarding the career transition program proposal.

IS&T (Brendan Calandra, chair): The student tech fee deadline and tech fee distribution meeting dates were announced. The migration to the new email system for faculty and staff will not happen before June. Information and town hall meetings are being planned.

Library (Deron Boyles, chair): The committee met once and discussions focused on the 2CI new hires and the library resources needed to support them. It has been shown that GSU is at or near the very bottom in per capita expenditures for its library. Amy Elliott will be the new librarian responsible for the digital archives.

Planning and Development (George Rainbolt for P.C. Tai, chair): The committee met once. It approved the MRRF list and considered the diversity strategic plan.

Research (Rose Sevcik, chair): The committee has met once. The meeting focused on the policies that were approved at today’s meeting. The committee received an update on IACUC advisory committee.

Student Discipline (Marta White, chair): The committee met once and next week will hear its third hearing for 2011.

Student Life and Development (JoAnn Bacon for Steve Carey, chair): The committee has met once. No new organizations have been approved. The revised Student Code of Conduct policy has been approved and will be forwarded to the Executive Committee.

University Statutes and Senate Bylaws (Paul Alberto for John Duffield, chair): The committee has not met since the last Senate meeting but is continuing its work on several proposals.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate