

University Senate Minutes
27-Apr-2012 (Organizational Meeting of the 2012-13 University Senate)

Present: Cody Allen, Susan C. Allen, Andrei Barkovskii, Beauty Bragg, James Bridgeforth, Ryan Brown, Scott Butler, Dianne Chamblee, Jan Clark, Carrie Cook, Ben Davis, Jennifer Graham, Maureen Horgan, Amanda Jarriel, Josh Kitchens, Matthew Liao-Troth, Mary Magoulick, Ken McGill, Macon L. C. McGinley, Cara Meade, Julia Metzker, Leslie Moore, Indiren Pillay, Amy Pinney, Stas Preczewski, Sarah Rose Remmes, Jason Rich, Mike Rose, Chris Skelton, Susan Steele, John R. Swinton, Craig Turner, Catherine Whelan.

Absent: Elissa Auerbach, David de Posada, Greg Mahan, Bryan Marshall, Beth McCauley, William Miller, Doreen Sams, Stephen Wills.

Regrets: Kay Anderson, Kirk Armstrong, Toi Franks, Diane Gregg, Sandra Jordan, Deborah MacMillan, Lyndall Muschell, Holley Roberts, Amy Sumpster.

Guests: Angel Abney, Koushik Banerjee, David Cox, Bruce Harshbarger (Chief Student Affairs Officer), Jason Huffman (Director of Strategic Initiatives), Karynne Kleine, Tom Ormond (Associate Provost), Chandra Power, Matt Rogers (Graduate Assistant of the 2011-2012 University Senate).

Prior to the meeting, University Photographer Tim Vacula was present to take "mug shots" for use in the on-line Senator database.

Call to Order: Jan Clark, Presiding Officer of the 2011-2012 University Senate, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and ceremoniously passed the invisible gavel to Catherine Whelan, Presiding Officer of the 2012-2013 University Senate. Catherine recognized that Jan Clark, Professor of Rhetoric, had consistently been an entertaining presence as presider for the meetings of the 2011-2012 University Senate. Catherine further noted that Professors of Accounting are known for brevity and efficiency and that she will strive to see that those words characterize meetings of the 2012-2013 University Senate.

Committee Reports: This being the organizational meeting of the 2012-2013 University Senate, the only required report is from the Subcommittee on Nominations.

Subcommittee on Nominations (SCoN): On behalf of the committee, Ken McGill, SCoN Chair, presented **Motion 1112.CN.004.O** *To adopt the slate of nominees for 2012-2013 University Senate officers and committees as proposed in the supporting document.*

- A motion to amend the slate of nominees by replacing Bob Chandler with Doug Goings on APC was made, seconded, and approved.
- Catherine Whelan announced that Dianne Gregg had resigned her position on the University Senate just prior to this meeting and that a replacement for her position on the slate (where Dianne Gregg held a senator position on CAPC) would need to be identified by her constituency.
- Ken McGill noted that the Staff Council Appointee position on RPIPC was presently designated as *ToBe Named*. Jennifer Graham indicated that a name for this position should be forthcoming soon from Staff Council. *Following the meeting, email correspondence was received to confirm that Jessica Rehling was named to hold this position.*
- **SENATE ACTION:** Motion 1112.CN.004.O *approved as amended* with no further discussion.

President's Report: Interim University President Stas Preczewski gave the following report.

- **Budget:** Good news on the budget front for 2012-2013. Specifically there would be a 2.5% increase in undergraduate tuition, a six dollar fee increase to support the introduction of Women's Volleyball as a varsity sport to bring us into compliance with Title IX, reinstatement of the 2% budget cut from 2011-2012, and an additional increase in funding of approximately \$800K which will fund the implementation of the next phase of both the staff and faculty compensation plans.
- **Diversity:** An increase in diversity for incoming students from this year to next.

- *Following the meeting, Interim University President Stas Preczewski provided the following details in a 2 May 2012 email.*
 - *Here is how the FY '13 budget decisions impact Georgia College:*
 - *We received \$809,367 in new formula funding*
 - *The 2% budget reduction in FY '12 will be carried forward into FY '13*
 - *BOR approved a 2.5% undergraduate tuition increase and 3% graduate tuition increase*
 - *The two mandatory students fees GC requested in December were approved: Wellness Center Fee, from \$125-\$175 (final phase) and Athletic Fee, from \$175 to \$181 to ensure GC is compliant with Title IX through the introduction of a new sport for women – volleyball*
 - *The BOR also adopted two policy changes to the Special Institutional Fee:*
 - *Active military, joint-enrolled and exempt students who typically do not pay fees, such as senior citizens, are exempt from the fee.*
 - *Students taking one to four credit hours will only have to pay 50% of the fee.*

University Senate Pins: Presiding Officer Catherine Whelan and Interim University President Stas Preczewski distributed university senator pins to the first time members of the University Senate that were present at the meeting. Pin recipients were Cody Allen, James Bridgeforth, Ben Davis, Amanda Jarriel, Maureen Horgan, Julia Metzker, Indiren Pillay, Sarah Rose Remmes, and Matthew Liao-Troth.

Provost's Report: Associate Provost Tom Ormond gave the following report on behalf of Provost Jordan.

- The SACS Affirmation Report is progressing. Since April 2011, the SACS work has focused on designated individuals and work groups preparing draft language for SACS Standards. These drafts will be aggregated and sent on 3 May 2012 to Suzanne Ozment, SACS Consultant, for review. The feedback from her review is anticipated in June 2012 and this feedback will inform the SACS work for 2012-2013 which is anticipated to be the development of reports as necessary culminating with submission of the final aggregated affirmation report to SACS in August 2013. Compliance Assist is an electronic tool that is supporting and will continue to support the development of these drafts. Many people have and will contribute to this effort which is a monumental aggregation of hard work.

New Business:

- **Governance Retreat Update:** Catherine Whelan indicated that the invitees to the retreat would be the members of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 University Senates. The plan is to have an overnight off-site retreat at Callaway Gardens on August 7-8, 2012. Transportation (bus) and accommodations (individual rooms, meals, refreshments) are being funded by Interim University President Stas Preczewski. Specific details are still in flux yet the tentative plan is a late afternoon departure on Tue 7 Aug 2012 and a return late afternoon Wed 8 Aug 2012. Invitees should expect an email within the next couple of weeks from either Catherine Whelan or Monica Starley requesting an RSVP of their intent to attend. Responding to this poll is extremely important given the way this event is funded.
- **Standing Committee Organizational Meetings:** Catherine Whelan indicated that the organizational meetings of the standing committees of the 2012-2013 University Senate will commence within a few minutes of the adjournment of this organizational meeting. The 2012-2013 CAPC Chair, once identified, is responsible to schedule the organizational meeting of the CAPC Subcommittee on the Core Curriculum (SoCC) and facilitate SoCC officer elections. Thus, members of the inaugural SoCC should anticipate receiving details on the SoCC organizational meeting from the CAPC Chair. The locations for the organizational meetings of the five standing committees are as follows.
 - Academic Policy Committee (APC) A&S 2-72
 - Curriculum and Assessment Policy Committee (CAPC) A&S 2-74
 - Faculty Affairs Policy Committee (FAPC) A&S 1-49
 - Resources, Planning, and Institutional Policy Committee (RPIPC) A&S 1-51
 - Student Affairs Policy Committee (SAPC) A&S 1-55

Adjourn: As there was no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.