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**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**April 20, 2016**  
**4:00 to 6:00 P.M.**  
**\*\*Russell Union Ballroom\*\***

**Voting Members in Attendance:** Cheryl Aasheim, Lisa Abbott, Sam Adeyeye, Scott Beck, Kelly Berry, Chad Posick for Sarah Bielski, Sally Ann Brown, Ashley Colquitt for Moya Alfonso, Gavin Colquitt, Finbarr Curtis, Marc Cyr, Larisa Elisha, Steven Elisha, Matthew Flynn for Leticia McGrath, Richard Flynn, Alice Hall, Ming Fang He, Jonathan Hilpert, Yi Hu, Scott Kersey, Barbara King, Arpita Saha for Shainaz Landge, Alisa Leckie, Li Li, Lawrence Locker, Ron MacKinnon, Alan Mackelprang, Jessica Minihan, Lowell Mooney, Shahnam Navaee, Constantin Ogloblin, Marshall Ransom, Jake Simons, Jim Stephens, Mark Welford, Tharanga Wickramarachchi, Leigh Ann Williams for Tim Giles

**Voting Members Not in Attendance:** Evans Afriyie-Gyawu, Olga Amarie, William Amponsah, Adam Bossler, John Dyer, Mark Edwards, Tim Giles, Ellen Hamilton, Jim Harris, Alina Iacob, Mujibur Khan, Lili Li, Jim LoBue, Nan LoBue, Li Ma, Santanu Majumdar, Bryan Miller, Joe Ruhland, Lina Soares, Valentin Soloiu, Linda L. Thompson,

**Senate Moderator and Chair Senate Executive Committee:** Patricia Humphrey

**NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative:** Chris Geyerman

**Parliamentarian:** Karen McCurdy

**Student Government Association:** Errol Spence

**Administrators:** Jean Bartels, Diana Cone, Rob Whitaker, Martha Abell, Mohammad Davoud, Barry Joyner, Bede Mitchell, Curtis Ricker, D. Jason Slone

**Visitors:** Hyo-Joo Han, Dustin Anderson, Christine Ludowise, Clement Lau

***Secretary's Note: This time our recording achieved perfection: Absolutely nothing was recorded. What follows is based on my minimalist notes.***

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**Approval of the Agenda for the April 20, 2016 meeting: Pat Humphrey (COSM) Senate Moderator and Chair, Senate Executive Committee:**

Moved and Approved.

## **Approval of the March 23, 2016 Minutes: Marc Cyr (CLASS), Senate Secretary:**

Cyr noted that he was moving approval of the minutes prepared by Richard Flynn (CLASS), but that a version condensed by Cyr would be linked as an addendum to those minutes when they were posted. The minutes were Approved.

## **Librarian's Reports for April 2016, Jessica Minihan (LIB), Senate Librarian.**

Moved and Approved.

### **Undergraduate Committee Report – Cheryl Aasheim (CEIT), Chair**

Moved and Approved.

### **Graduate Committee Report – Dustin Anderson (CLASS), Chair**

Moved and Approved.

### **General Education and Core Curriculum Committee Report – Marshall Ransom (COSM), substituting for Michelle Cawthorn (COSM), Chair**

Moved and Approved.

## **President's Report: Jean Bartels**

### **This Year's Budget**

At least in part because the BOR is trying to fend off moves by the legislature to take over the power to set tuition and fees, per BOR direction, there will be no tuition increases at USG institutions this coming year; fees are almost entirely frozen too. While we hope for 100-200 more students in Fall, our budget will be pretty much flat.

### **Campus Carry Legislation**

This was on the Governor's desk with no recommendations for amendments coming from the Legislature. He has three options: Approve, Veto, or leave it unsigned, in which case it will come into effect anyway but without his signature. The signing due date is May 3<sup>rd</sup>. If the law goes into effect, we will await BOR guidance on how to proceed. One thing is clear, however: Individual faculty and staff will not be able to make their own rules regarding guns in their own classrooms and offices.

### **13th President**

Dr. Jaimie Hebert will become our President on July 1, 2016.

## New Chief of University Police Department

Laura McCullough is our new Police Chief, the first woman to hold that position.

## Progress on Military Science Building

Official completion date is set for November 17, 2016.

## Multidisciplinary Academic Building

All needed approvals have been granted. Construction is slated to start December of 2016, with projected completion in May 2018.

## Provost's Report: Diana Cone

We are ahead of where we were last year on pre-registration for Fall.

## Senate Executive Committee Report: Patricia Humphrey [COSM], Chair.

She corrected some errors in the reply to an RFI about raises for promotion submitted by Robert Costamiris as reported in March. The new raise structure took effect in 2006 (not 2005). Raises had been \$1000 promotion from instructor to assistant professor, \$1500 (promotion to associate professor), and \$2000. The current amount of these raises is \$3000 for promotion to associate and \$5000 for promotion to professor.

There were no motions, RFIs, or discussion requests submitted this month.

Chancellor Huckaby met with the University System of Georgia Faculty Council (USGFC) at Valdosta State on April 15. He said something (it was not entirely clear to Humphrey) about it being okay to carry budgets forward. He also seemed to be strongly suggesting that the idea of "Performance Formula Funding" was being allowed to die out. The Chancellor also noted that enrollment is up or steady at 16 system schools, and down at 14. The announced 3% merit/retention raises have been fully funded by the legislature, but nevertheless not all of that will reach our campus, so we'll need to find it elsewhere on campus. There will be no increase in funding for health insurance, so our rates are almost certain to go up again next year. Rumors of more school mergers are still just that, rumors.

The BOR is dead serious about schools adhering to rigorous implementation of policies and procedures re: Title IX. The problems at Georgia Tech involved not giving due process to those accused of violations.

## Elections: Senate Secretary and Librarian for 2016 – 2017

Marc Cyr (CLASS) was the sole candidate for Secretary and was elected for 2016-17.

The candidates for Librarian were Evans Afriyie-Gyawu (JPHCOPH), Alice Hall (CHHS), and Mark Welford (COSM). Welford was elected for 2016-2017.

## Unfinished Business

None.

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**New Business**

None.

**Announcements: Vice Presidents**

None

**Announcements from the Floor**

**None.**

**Adjournment**

Moved and Approved.