Faculty Senate Minutes
Jan. 19, 2005
Torian Auditorium, Jordan Hall

I. Call to Order
Chair Carlton Brown called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda
The Administrative Report was added to New Business.

III. Approval of Minutes
The minutes were approved without changes.

IV. Correspondence
Corresponding Secretary Dr. Waters read a memorandum from Dr. Maynor regarding CTLAS representation of the Faculty Affairs Committee. The letter was referred to the Executive Committee of the Senate to see if there is action needed to be taken by the Senate.

V. Old Business
A. Faculty Evaluation Committee
The document has already been approved. Only the weighting of the different categories was still to be determined. The four categories are teaching, research and community service, service to the university, and institutional goals and objectives. The faculty Affairs Committee will meet to set the maximum and minimum bands for the range of each category. Within each category, individual departments can set weights for various items. For example, units doing accreditation might want to weight that area strongly while the accreditation process is ongoing. This flexibility would reflect the diverse needs of various units, schools, and departments. Dr. Silver suggested that the new faculty evaluation instrument should be tested in the spring by a subset of the faculty which would include 2 or 3 faculty members from each college.

B. Committee on Committees
There was no report.

VI. New Business
A. Other Committee Reports
There were no other committee reports.

B. New Business
Administrative Report
There were 3 items for the administrative report.

A. Recent proposals to the Board of Regents- Dr. Brown
The state of Georgia has a shortage of teachers, especially minority teachers. In late December, Dr. Brown sent to the Chancellor a request for a feasibility study to reinstate the Teacher Education program at SSU. We expect approval for the feasibility study.

B. Update on academic changes- Dr. Silver
Dr. Silver talked about the program changes at the recent Board of Regents meeting. Chemical Engineering and Mechanical engineering and Technology were terminated. In CLASS, there is a pending proposal of the Bachelor of Behavioral Analysis. This will be on the agenda at the February Board of Regents meeting. Technology Management and Technology education will be proposed. The Marine Science, Environmental Science, and Civil Engineering faculty will try to have an interdisciplinary program.

C. Budget update- Mr. Moncrief
The current budget cut is $256,000 for 2004-2005. These cuts will come from the administrative side, not from instruction. With regard to tuition, the increase was deferred for this year but they will surely come in the future. The Governor proposed we get new formula funding. There will be 7.5 new faculty positions, 4 counselors, 2 positions in institutional advancement, and 2 faculty in liberal arts. 70% of the 1.6 million dollars will go to instruction, 17% to physical plant, 8% to institutional advancement, and 5% to student affairs. New faculty positions will be based on the strategic needs on the university especially regarding the accreditation of Business and Communications.

VII. Announcements
There were no announcements.

VIII. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.