Call to Order: The meeting was convened in Room 1-301 of the Technology-enhanced Learning Center. President Beheruz N. Sethna called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

Members Present: Bush; Cao; Clark, J. (for Carress); Dutt; Elman; Frazier; Lankford; Overfield; Peterson; Purk; Putney; Reigner; Rickard; Sisterhen; Smith, S.; Stafford; Turner; Yoder; Hynes

Approval of the Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2003 meeting of the Senate was made by Dr. Bush, seconded by Dr. Reigner and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Committee I: Undergraduate Academic Programs Committee (Susan Smith, Chair)

Action Item: On behalf of the committee Ms. Smith moved the following program change:

A. College of Business
   1. Management/Business Systems
      a) Delete Program B.B.A. Technology Support Systems

There were no questions or concerns and the motion carried unanimously.

Information Item: Ms Smith also announced the following minor additions, deletions, modifications:

A. College of Arts and Sciences
   1. Mass Comm & Theatre Arts
      a) Add THEA 1000 (4 semesters)

B. College of Business
   1. Accounting
      a) Modify ACCT 3285 - Prerequisite
   2. Management/Business System
      a) Modify CISM 3340 – Prerequisite
      b) Modify CISM 4350 – Prerequisite
      c) Modify CISM 4390 – Prerequisite
      d) Modify Program B.B.A. Management – Tracks
      e) Delete Program B.B.A. Technology Support Systems
      f) Add CISM 4335 – Electronic Commerce
C. College of Education
   1. Speech Language
      a) Modify Program – B.Ed. Spee

Announcements:

1. Dr. Sethna asked for nominees for the position of ‘Faculty Athletics Representative’ as required by the NACA. The nominee must have interest and understanding of Athletics, Faculty and Legal issues. Dr. Douvanis has served ably in this capacity for some time but may ask to pass this responsibility on to someone else at some point. Anticipating this eventuality the president would like a file of nominees with information on interest and qualifications.

2. On behalf of the Campus Pipeline Team, Madison Bryan introduced the new Campus Portal that will, during Fall 2004, combine Webmail, WebCT, Banweb etc. under one user name and password. The project has been financed by student technology fees and will serve as a campus-wide bulletin board. It will carry emergency announcements; a campus calendar; library resources; news; weather; calendars, announcements and messages from individual classes, societies, faculty, staff and students etc. In other words it will provide a complete forum at a single website. As such, the entire university community needs to be aware and involved. In response to questions from Dr. Hynes & Mr. Parkman, Mr. Bryan explained that ITS will be responsible for maintaining the portal while a Campus Pipeline Committee consisting of faculty and staff (chair, Dr. Sharmister Basu-Dutt) will formulate policy on content. The software is about two years old and is currently being used by Valdosta State and other schools. The committee will be contacting some of these schools to benefit from their experience.

3. Dr. Sethna gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining plans for a new Campus Center that will shortly be presented to the Board of Regents for final approval. The Center is to be built in three phases through the renovation and expansion of the present HPE building. Working with Dr McClellan, and Mr.Gauthier, the Student Government Association has approved these plans, and voted to finance the initial phases ($23 million) with student activities fees. This will entail an increase in the activity fee of $99/ semester. The President commended the Student Government Association for their foresight in supporting a project that will not see fruition until most of the present student body has graduated. Construction of Phase I could begin this year. Phase III, which is not yet funded, might not be started for ten years. At present the amount of space available for student activities is about 5% of what it should be for a school our size. Valdosta State and Georgia Southern have much larger facilities for student activities and recreation. The completion of the Campus Center will help remedy this situation, improve the quality of life on campus and enhance recruitment.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Dr. Sethna adjourned the meeting at 4.05 p.m.

Timothy M. Chowns
Executive Secretary, Faculty Senate