Minutes of February 4 were approved.

RiF

Ms. Richburg presented the revised reduction-in-force policy, which excluded grant-funded positions from eligibility, as discussed at the February meeting. Dr. Louis requested that “sponsored program” replace “grant” in the document. Dr. Marshall suggested adding references to other state-funded employees, such as those funded by the athletic fee. He noted “position elimination” was a better description than “reduction in force” because the same number of positions may result, but with positions changed. He suggested adding “or change nature of positions” to the first sentence of the purpose statement. Dr. Emanuel advised that “reduction in force” language should still be retained since there was a common understanding of this term. A motion to accept the revised policy, with the “sponsored program”, “other state-funded employees”, and “change nature” modifications above, passed.

Department of Managerial Sciences

Dr. Huss presented a request from the Robinson College of Business to change the name of the Department of Management to the Department of Managerial Sciences. He explained the Department of Decision Sciences had been absorbed in the Department of Management and that the department now had both qualitative and quantitative components. Dr. Adamson questioned the plural sciences in the new name. Dr. Huss replied this reflected sub-disciplines. A motion to accept the name, Department of Managerial Sciences, passed.

Center for Process Innovation

Dr. Huss presented a request from the Robinson College of Business to change the name of the Center for Digital Commerce to the Center for Process Innovation. He explained e-Commerce was moved to the center, which was originally in the Department of Computer Information Systems. He added that the processes under study went beyond e-commerce, were interdisciplinary and in some cases were not technical. Dr. Emanuel asked if the chosen name had specific meaning to people in the field. Dr. Huss indicated this was the case. A motion to accept the name, Center for Process Innovation passed.

e-Commerce Institute

Dr. Huss presented a request from the Robinson College of Business to dissolve the e-Commerce Institute. A motion to dissolve the institute passed.
Announcements

Dr. Henry announced Georgia State was under consideration for membership in the Colonial Athletic Association (UNC-Wilmington, Old Dominion, William & Mary, Virginia Commonwealth, James Madison, George Mason, Towson, Delaware, Drexel, Hofstra). He commented that the Atlantic Sun Athletic Conference to which Georgia State currently belongs was losing its large state university members and becoming a conference of primarily small private universities. He indicated the CAA would be adding four new members from a list of six prospects.

Dr. Henry cited shortfalls in state revenues for February as a likely precursor to an additional 1% budget cut before the end of FY2004. He stated that depletion of central sources for the initial budget cuts would mean only $400K of the additional $1.6M could be covered centrally. He warned that this situation would require tapping the funds held back by colleges and vice presidential areas. Dr. Bahl asked if the 1% cut would be one-time or continuing. Dr. Henry and Mr. Lewis replied that it was uncertain, but hopefully one-time.

Mr. Lewis reported on budget developments in the legislature. He indicated the committee meetings on the FY2005 budget would be starting shortly with the big conference committee convening in three weeks. He stated that the major effort would be to protect formula funding and to promote the $5M infrastructure minor capital project for Georgia State. Dr. Adamson asked about tuition increases. Mr. Lewis replied that the Board of Regents would determine tuition and fees at its April 20-21 meeting after the legislature adjourns.

Dr. Henry announced there would be a budget meeting with Board of Regents staff on April 11 to discuss FY2005 budget requests. He noted this timing would allow discussion of the areas of focus initiative. Dr. Winkler asked about the salary cap and raise percentage. Mr. Lewis replied that 2% with a cap of $1,600 was still proposed with the effective date perhaps to be moved from October 1 to January 1 [later versions: 2% with $1,000 cap effective October 1 or 2% with $1,600 cap effective January 1].