Minutes of October 3 were approved.

President’s remarks

Dr. Patton reported on efforts to inform legislators about the new Board of Regents capital projects list, which for the first time included four Georgia State projects: North Metro (aka Alpharetta) Center expansion, Humanities Building, Library Plaza replacement, and an academic building. Dr. Patton indicated the objective was to urge legislators to keep the Board of Regents list rather than develop a list of their own. He added that conversations with legislators included a request to increase MRRF dollars for deferred maintenance with cash rather than bonds, since using bonds for MRRF would diminish capacity for bonds earmarked for the capital projects list. Dr. Patton stated that the deferred maintenance total for Georgia State stood at $137 million.

Dr. Patton commented on rumors that Georgia State was seeking to take over Grady Hospital. He stated that this was clearly not the case, but there was possibly confusion with discussions concerning finding a medical partner for the Science Park.

Dr. Adamson asked about the other academic building listed as the fourth Georgia State capital project. Dr. Patton replied this was a placeholder for the next facility needed to accommodate an enrollment of 34,000.

Dr. Adamson asked about the timeline for funding the Georgia State projects on the list. Dr. Rackliffe responded that the North Metro Center would likely be FY2009, the Humanities Building and Library Plaza FY2011, and the academic building FY2013.

Commencement

Ms. Erskine distributed copies of the run of show for commencement in the Georgia Dome and a diagram of the stadium. She reviewed the order of the exercises and explained the procedures for hooding of PhD graduates. She stated that the platform party would receive instructions about parking, etc., and that there would be a run-through for the platform party in the morning of commencement day. She added that a variety of special touches would make commencement an exciting occasion, including streamers from the catwalks at the conclusion.

Dr. Patton announced that Ms. Erskine would be leaving Georgia State on December 3 to accept an associate vice president position in the development office at the University of Iowa. He thanked Ms. Erskine for her exceptional work at Georgia State, especially in planning the commencement at the Georgia Dome.

Proposed name change for Southern Institute for Business and Professional Ethics

Dr. Huss presented a proposed name change for the Southern Institute for Business and Professional Ethics in the Robinson College of Business to the Center for Ethics and Corporate Responsibility. He noted an issue raised by the College of Arts and Sciences concerning possible confusion with the existing Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics. Dr. Huss maintained that the centers had different content areas, and pointed out that when he “Googled” ethics and Georgia State, the Blumenfeld Center was the first listing.

Dr. Adamson stated she had discussed the issue with Drs. Rainbolt and Altman and preferred tabling the motion until the directors of the two centers could talk. She noted concern that the name of the center in the Robinson College of Business would be informally abbreviated as “Center for Ethics”. She added that the Blumenfeld Center worked outside the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Altman confirmed that the Blumenfeld Center dealt with a variety of fields
including medicine, law, business, etc., and he observed that the proposed name for the Robinson College of Business center could cause confusion over the general ethics center character of the Blumenfeld Center. Dr. Huss answered that the addition of “and Corporate Responsibility” to the proposed name of the Robinson College of Business center had been intended to avoid such confusion. Dr. Kelley commented that this addition to the name distinguished the two centers.

Dr. Huss noted that the Robinson College of Business had been active in the area of ethics prior to the corporate scandals, which had made such programs popular. He observed that one college should not “own” ethics, but that at the same time the colleges should not be in competition. Dr. Altman replied that the Blumenfeld Center wanted to share and collaborate, not own the field at Georgia State. He suggested putting the qualifying words in the name at the beginning, rather than the end, of the name.

Ms. Hurt asked if there had been a marketing study which led to the proposed name change. Dr. Huss replied that there had been input from the business community, which was supportive of the center. He added that the Robinson College of Business center had addressed issues outside of business, such as legal ethics. He assured that the full name, Center for Ethics and Corporate Responsibility, would be used in all publications.

Dr. Huss made a motion to accept the name change as presented. Dr. Alm seconded the motion.

Dr. Adamson made a motion to table the matter of the name change to allow for discussion between the center directors and consultation with Dr. Blumenfeld prior to the decision. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. The motion to table passed.

Dr. Alm asked when the name change would be brought back to Administrative Council. Dr. Patton responded that it would be on the agenda of the next meeting.

Enrollment report

Dr. Henry reported a fall census date enrollment of 27,137 students and 323,387 credit hours. He added that the October figures for fall 2008 admissions pointed to another successful student recruitment year and achievement of the goal of 2,800 new freshmen given the track record for October trends. He also noted likely achievement of the spring 2008 goals given transfer admissions.

Dr. Patton expressed gratitude to all who had worked to meet the enrollment goals.

Fund-raising policy

Ms. Peterman presented “Policy 13.01, Fund-raising Policy”. She stated that the policy had been developed on the advice of the campaign consultant. Ms. Peterman made a motion to adopt the policy. Dr. Henry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Information protection and access policy

Mr. Albert presented the revised “Information Protection and Access Policy” incorporating ideas from the earlier Administrative Council discussions and addressing issues raised by auditors.

Dr. Reitzes recommended adding the date of the endorsement by the University Senate Committee on Information Systems and Technology to the document.

Dr. Adamson asked about applicability of the policy to grades. Mr. Albert replied that grades were protected under FERPA, and that the data stewards would be developing the list of confidential data rather than listing all types in the policy statement since such a list would change from time to time. Dr. Heyward suggested adding grades to the examples of confidential data cited in the document. Mr. Albert accepted this amendment.

Ms. Garber asked if research data was included. Dr. Morris confirmed that research data was institutional data and hence included.
Mr. Albert made a motion to accept the policy as amended. Dr. Henry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Announcements

Dr. Torbert distributed copies of “Weekend Classroom Building Fees” and invited comments.

Mr. Lewis announced federal funding in the amount of $1 million coming to Georgia State with the assistance of the Georgia congressional delegation, and in particular Congressman Lewis. Dr. Morris added special commendation for the work of Congressman Kingston.

Dr. Henry announced the hiring of Mr. Raderstorf as Director of Emergency Planning.

Mr. Roth advised that p-card use was being audited and that p-cards should not be shared with others under any circumstance.

Dr. Adamson announced holiday sales of prints and pottery on November 28 and December 6-7, respectively.

Mr. Hurt reminded about the grand opening of the library on November 15.

Dr. Alm announced a retirement reception for Dr. Bahl on November 30.

Dr. Kelley announced flu shots would be administered by Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing personnel through November 8.

Dr. Kaminshine announced superior pass rates for first time and overall College of Law graduates, which placed Georgia State first among the law colleges in the state at the summer administration of the bar exam.

Ms. McElroy announced a successful start of the basketball season with the men winning their exhibition game by 32 points in front of a crowd of more than 2,000.

Dr. Finn announced Tim Jones in IS&T had received a University System customer service award.

Ms. Brown announced a Student Government Association-sponsored town hall meeting on November 27.