Committee on Academic Programs and Continuing Education (APACE)

MINUTES OF MAY 13, 1997

Present:


Absent:

Margo Brinton, Carol Foster, Sheryl Gowen, John Hogan, Charles Jones, David Myers, David Pavesic, Joseph Rabianski, Francis Rushing, Howard Schneider, James Spencer, Eloise Stiglitz, Frank Whittington, Phil Wierons, and Carol Winkler.

Guests:

Stephanie Summers

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. in Room 718, General Classroom Building by Dave Vanko, Chair.

Minutes of the April 15, 1997 Meeting

The minutes of the April 15 meeting were approved as presented.

Center for Urban Educational Excellence

Sam Deitz, Dean, College of Education, asked that the committee reopen discussion of the report of the Joint APACE/Research Subcommittee on Center Review for the Center for Urban Educational Excellence. At the last meeting, the committee accepted the subcommittee report which stated that the focus of the center was service to the community, not research, and therefore it should be reviewed by the APACE committee and not by the subcommittee. Sam Deitz asked that the center not be left in limbo for another year but be recommended for approval to continue its mission as a center primarily dedicated to community service. Steve Manson advised that there was no criteria for non-research oriented centers therefore the committee could not review it. Last year the committee had suggested that there be criteria established for such reviews but no action had taken place. After further discussion, John Thomas moved, seconded by Sam Deitz, that the chair advise Provost Ron Henry that the committee recommends approval of the Center for Urban Educational Excellence as a service oriented center. The motion was unanimously approved.

Hearings on Master of Physical Therapy Degree

Dave Vanko advised that there will be open hearings scheduled for Thursday, May 15 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Atlanta Room, 710 CBA Building, by the Graduate Council in order to complete the report about the Masters of Physical Therapy Degree.

Election of Committee Chair

Dave Vanko advised that the new APACE Committee is required to elect a Chair at this meeting. The floor was opened for nominations and Ellen Podgor nominated John Newman to serve as chair for the 1997-98 academic year. There were no additional nominations and John Newman was elected by acclamation.

Appreciation to Dave Vanko

Ellen Podgor requested that the minutes show that the committee acknowledged the hard work and dedication that Dave Vanko has shown as the committee chair for the past three years. All present unanimously agreed.

Strategic Plan for Internationalizing Education

At the April 15 meeting, Matthew Roudan was appointed chair of a subcommittee to follow up on issues that were raised about the Strategic Plan for Internationalizing Education. He advised that the subcommittee had met with Paula Dressel, the chair of the ad hoc committee appointed by Provost Ron Henry to develop the plan, but suggested that it would be
appropriate for her to present an overview and rationale for the plan.

She advised that GSU's primary international activities have been student study abroad programs, international scholarly projects and exchanges, and projects of curricular transformation. These efforts have moved forward both at the department level and through university-wide initiatives. Future university-wide initiatives will focus on projects that are consistent with the university's mission and strategic plan; are multi-disciplinary and have a critical mass of accomplished faculty; and can leverage internal funds for funding from external sources.

The plan also recommends the transfer of the International Programs Officer to the Provost's Office under the supervision of the Associate Provost for Academic Programs in order to improve academic coordination for international activities.

She also explained that the plan recommends a more strategic use of international student tuition waivers by increasing the number of waivers available for sponsored students and strategic international initiatives. After further discussion, Ahmed Abdelal moved, seconded by Sherry Gaines, that the committee endorse the plan. The motion was amended to recommend that the Academic Advisory Committee on International Education (AACIE) discussed on page 2, paragraph 1, be an APACE subcommittee. The subcommittee would review criteria and priorities related to proposals for international initiatives that seek institution-wide funding. The committee accepted the amendment and unanimously approved endorsing the plan.

**Issues for June 3 Meeting**
John Newman reviewed some of the topics that may be considered for the June 3 meeting:

- Ph.D. Degree in Policy Studies with Georgia Tech
- Master of Physical Therapy Degree
- Update on the Biology and Chemistry Program Reviews
- Subcommittee on review of non-research centers

**APACE Subcommittees**
John Newman discussed the various APACE subcommittees, Undergraduate Council, Graduate Council, APRC Committee, Joint Subcommittee on Center Review with the Senate Research Committee, Quality Improvement Funds Subcommittee, and the ad hoc Library Subcommittee and asked committee members to think about the committees they would like to serve on.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

James Bohanan, Recorder