University Senate Budget Committee
Minutes
February 18, 1999

Attendance: Dan Benardot, John de Castro, Tim Crimmins, Bill Decatur, Martin Fraser, Keith Ihlanfeldt, Ralph Kaplan, Charles Marvin, Al McWilliams, Mike Moore, Fran Mullis, Roger Presley, Bob Probst, Jerry Rackliffe, Anthony Roberts, James Scott, Bob Shuford.


The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by John de Castro.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the January 21, 1998 meeting were approved as distributed.

FY99 Budget Status
As of 12/31/99 the final Spring number reflect a $2.2 million in excess revenues. The University was off by only 6% instead of the expected 13%.

Head count has completely recovered.

GSU Budget Presentation to the Board of Regents
The presentation of GSU's Budget for FY00 to the Board of Regents (BOR) occurred 3 weeks ago. The overall tone of the BOR with regard to GSU was very positive. GSU was the only institution whose spring enrollments had increased to a even level. In addition, FACP projected that GSU will be restored to previous levels by next semester.

The BOR gave no directive or any indications of the direction of FY00 funding.

One committee member was very surprised that funding for the Center for West Africa was part of GSU's budget presentation, as this Center has not gone through formal Center evaluation or peer-review process. This member felt that GSU has always carefully chosen where funding has gone based on value added to the university and that this activity does not bring any resources or value to GSU. It was reported to the committee that the Administrative Council approved this initiative and approved the request for funding.

Discussion of PTI Compensation
A presentation was made to the committee by a core group of PTIs who suggested that a new model was needed for the PTI salary structure. They gave several reasons for this new model which included, the need for continuity, advisement for students, and the need for teachers to be present on campus. They also felt that the use of PTIs undercut faculty research efforts. They indicated that because of the semester conversion, PTI's were being paid 25% less for the same courses they taught during the quarter system. The model that was suggested was a teaching-track model which would included a salary and benefits.

It was reported to the committee that under state law and person holding the title of Part-Time Instructor would not be eligible for any benefits regardless of the effort.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.