UNIVERSITY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes
January 19, 2005

Present: President Carl Patton, Paul Alberto, Dean Dabney, Provost Ron Henry, Charles Marvin, George Pullman, and Debbie Rupp.

The minutes of the meeting of December 1 were approved.

President Patton discussed the budget under consideration by the Legislature and the Governor’s Office. The Governor agreed to fund the formula. Monies which were cut earlier will not be replaced. He gave compliments to Nancy Peterman, Vice President for Development, and Connie Hawkins, AVP for Development, for the recent gift to the University of $5 million from Pete Petit towards the Science Teaching Laboratory Building. Provost Henry stated that the budget amount cut previously was $7.3 million. Regents guarantee 80% of what the university generates. The Science Research Building will probably be pushed back to 2007. Spring enrollment is 25,600, with 283,000 credit hours. This is a loss of about 20,000 credit hours which are mostly higher paid graduate hours, which equates to a loss of $5 million from the formula (effecting 2007). Therefore academic program evaluations are being undertaken. Georgia State is becoming more like traditional universities, with more students graduating in December and not making up numbers in the spring semester. There is discussion of increasing enrollment at the Alpharetta center and possibly partnering with Perimeter College in the south and east.

The dates for the 2005-2006 Senate year are to be April 21, October 6 and December 8. The Proposal for a Change in the GSU Faculty Handbook was approved, as was the Motion to Initiate a Pilot Program for Donated Leave at Georgia State University. The procedures for the evaluation of Deans and Vice Presidents was discussed. The process is in motion for the Faculty Affairs Committee to look at the wording, and this will be expedited. From APACE, the Senate Review of Proposals for Academic Program Evaluation in the Context of Possible Deactivation and Termination, was approved. In response to a question from the Climate Survey Subcommittee of the Committee on Cultural Diversity, it was determined that the students were to be surveyed, not the faculty and staff. Discussion turned to the additional topic, Georgia State University’s Web Accessibility Policy (proposed). The proposal should go to the IS&T Committee, Susan Easterbrook, Chair. The need for data on faculty profiles - hirings and firings - was discussed. Salary data is also needed. Compression and inversion should be addressed. It was suggested that deans and directors do exit interviews to see where people go and why they leave.

The next meetings of the Executive Committee will be February 8 at 2:00 and April 4 at 11:00.

Submitted by,

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