UNIVERSITY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes
September 27, 2010

Present: President Mark Becker, Provost Risa Palm, Paul Alberto, Elizabeth Beck, Siva Nathan, Rose Sevcik, Jeff Rupp, Don Rietzes

I. The minutes from the April 9, 2010 meeting were approved.

II. President’s Report -
- The enrollment rates and the quality of the student body increased this semester which helped prevent staff cuts in the colleges and departments. Compliments to Tim Renick and his department.
- The focused effort on the graduation and retention rates by Enrollment services led to significant improvements and put GSU in good standing with the BOR. Of the 35 USG schools making presentations to the Board of Regents on graduation and retention rates, Georgia State had the best presentation. Inside Higher Education called President Becker, President Tricola of GPC and President Patton to ask a series of questions on how the graduation and retention rate efforts worked and wrote an article on it.
- President Becker was invited by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to attend a meeting for Presidents of schools that had made progress in eliminating the gap for minorities in graduation rates.
- Greek housing opened on campus. In addition, we purchased two hotels located at Piedmont and Ellis, which will house about 800 students next year. Currently 300 students are housed in one of the hotels. Drs. Morris, Rackliffe and Covey will check on potential meeting spaces in the hotels.
- The ribbon cutting for the new state-funded Alpharetta building was scheduled for later that day. GPC now solely occupies the building we shared with them. Georgia State can now increase their capacity in Alpharetta. RCB will have certain degree completion efforts in Alpharetta.
- The advent of football and new leadership in the Alumni Association has caused the numbers to grow significantly. There are large concentrations of Alumni around the world. There are 250 RCB Alumni in the Seoul area. There are also 150 Alumni in Turkey.
- For FY 10, fundraising showed a 13% increase over the year before.
- The VP for Development, Nancy Peterman, resigned due to personal reasons. Walter Massey is her successor.
- The dedication for the Confucius Institute is scheduled for October 15, 2010. The Chinese government funds these institutes around the world to spread understanding of their language and culture. Georgia State will get $150,000 per year to support the Institute and receive teachers to teach Chinese language and teach short courses. Baotong Gu will be the Director, of the Institute. We will have
the third Confucius Institute in the Atlanta-metro area. There is one at Emory and Kennesaw.

III. Provost’s Report –

➢ The National Research Center report will be released on September 28. Georgia State had 17 doctoral programs ranked in this round. All of them are in Arts and Sciences except for Nursing and Kinesiology. The rankings will have significant implications for how we invest in the University.
➢ Peter Lyons is working on a salary equity report and process.
➢ Searches are being begun for a new Associate Provost for International Affairs chaired by Dean Huss; Dean of Nursing chaired by Susan Kelley and Robin Morris, and a search for A&S Dean chaired by Steve Kaminshine and Mary Ann Romski.
➢ Another solicitation for 2CI has been sent out.

A. Motion from the Admissions and Standards Committee
   1. Motion on ARCHE Cross-Registration – Approved and moved to Senate agenda
   2. Motion re: Move on When Ready – Approved and moved to Senate agenda
   3. Motion on Admissions Appeals – Approved and moved to Senate agenda as an Information Item
   4. Motion to Transfer Credit while on Suspension or Exclusion – Approved and moved to the Senate agenda as an Information Item

B. Motion from the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee
   1. Revise Article VII Section 9 of the Senate Bylaws – Approved and moved to Senate agenda
   2. Revise Article VII, Section 16 of the Senate Bylaws – Approved and moved to Senate Agenda
   3. Revise Article VII of the University Statutes – A sentence will be added to state that “the recommendation of the SEC is required if an evaluation is done in less than five years.” Approved and moved to the Senate agenda

C. Motion from the Research Committee

D. Motion from the Nominations Committee
   1. Addendum to April 15 Report – Approved and moved to Senate agenda

E. Information Item from the Academic Programs Committee
   1. Approval of the Ph.D. in Public Health

F. Discussion Items
1. Reports on the Evaluation of Administrators. Reports prepared on Dean Kamphaus and Dr. Hicks will be added to the Senate agenda as information items.

2. Recommendation on a Possible Honors College – A seven person committee chaired by George Rainbolt advised creation of an Honors College. A motion to that effect from the SEC will be placed on the Senate agenda.

3. Disability Issues – There is a need for a position in the University that will be the Director of Disability Services responsible for all faculty, staff, and university issues as well as a position to be responsible for student issues was discussed. Currently all issues and appeals go to the Director of Disability Services for Students. There was a discussion and recommendation to the President and Provost to create these positions.

4. Sustainability – The recommendation is that someone in Finance and Administration be the point person on this. There will be a recommendation to the Statutes and Bylaws Committee to consider creation of a Senate Committee on Sustainability.

5. A draft of the strategic plan was handed out and discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.