UNIVERSITY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes
January 19, 2011

Present: President Mark Becker, Provost Risa Palm, Paul Alberto, Siva Nathan, Jeff Rupp, Don Reitzes

I. The minutes from the September 27, 2010 meeting were approved.

II. President’s Report -
- Governor Deal has decided on a 6% budget cut. When the previous governor requested scenarios for 4, 6, and 8% budget cuts, the academic cuts for Georgia State were built into the 4% budget cut; therefore, there will be less severe cuts to the academic departments. A part of the 8% budget cut will include the retirement incentive plan that the Senate Budget Committee is working on. A significant part of upcoming cuts is the Governor’s decision to not fund formula money which we earn for our enrollment. This will affect the rate at which we can do new things which means a slower transition into some of the elements of the strategic plan.
- There will be no pay increases in the next fiscal year (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012).
- We should plan a one day meeting/retreat with faculty to discuss the strategic plan—how to move from plan to implementation. A similar activity should be done with staff members.
- Some concerns that came out of the staff roundtable include that when new hires come on board there are no training classes for business administrators like there are for research administrators, no career ladders, no consistency in titles, etc. They feel that there is a strong two-class system on campus and some of the staff feel they are not respected by faculty as professionals.
- A lot of positive comments were received concerning the multiple communication sources used during the inclement weather. A reception is planned for Friday, January 21, for critical staff that worked when the University was closed.

III. Provost Report –
- There is currently an internal search for the Director of The Center for Teaching and Learning chaired by Peter Lyons. Dean Adamson and Tim Renick are chairing the search for the Dean of the new Honors College.
- The second round of 2CI proposals have been received and the quality of the proposals are much higher than last time. Thirty six proposals were received as compared to 56 last year. Seven or eight of them will be funded.
IV. Senate Business

A. Committee on Admissions and Standards
   1. Early College Admissions Policy – Motion passes and placed on Senate agenda.
   2. Adds and Drops (Information item) – The motion passed.
   3. Dual Degrees (Information item) – The motion passed.

B. Committee on University Statutes and Senate Bylaws
   1. Amend University Statutes, add Article IX: Evaluation of Administrators – The motion passed and placed on Senate agenda.
   2. Amend Senate Bylaws, and Article III, Section 19: to create a senate Committee on Sustainability – A revision was made to correct the title of Vice President for Finance and Administration to “Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration.” The motion passed and placed on the Senate agenda.

C. Committee on Student Life and Development
   1. Amend Student Code of Conduct Section III: General Conduct – The motion passed and placed on the Senate agenda.

D. Committee on the Budget
   1. Career Transition Proposal
      The Senate Executive committee accepts the report of the Senate Budget Committee on a Career Transition Program and forwards it for comment to (a) the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, (b) the University Attorney, (c) the Chair of the Faculty Affairs committee and its members, and (d) the Chair of the Staff Council and its members. Comment on this report is requested to be sent to the Chair of the Senate Executive Committee no later than March 1, 2011. The report and comment will be acted upon by the Senate Executive Committee on March 2, 2011 and forwarded to the Fiscal Advisory Committee to the President for further action at their meeting on March 9, 2011.

   2. Out-of-State Tuition Report – The Senate Executive Committee accepts and forwards to the Fiscal Advisory Committee to the President for further action the report of the Senate Budget Committee on Out-of-State Tuition.

E. Committee on Planning and Development
   1. Strategic Plan 2010-2015 – A final version was approved and placed on the Senate agenda. There will be a public event in Speakers Auditorium to present the plan to the University Community.
F. Schedule Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

G. Discussion Items
1. University Policy on Promotion and Tenure – A joint committee with Faculty Affairs will be appointed to review, update, and propose changes to the University policy on Promotion and Tenure.
2. Diversity Strategic Plan – This is a subcommittee of P&D and Vice President Covey is the chair of the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.