UNIVERSITY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes
March 2, 2011

Present: President Mark Becker, Provost Risa Palm, Paul Alberto, Siva Nathan, Jeff Rupp, Don Reitzes, Lynda Brown-Wright-ACE Fellow

I. The minutes from the January 19, 2011 meeting were approved.

II. President’s Report -
- At the moment it is impossible to predict what the changes to the HOPE scholarship will mean for Georgia State. It will become clearer in the Fall.
- Because the immigration legislation only refers to “state agencies”, it could end up in the attorney general’s office to determine how it applies to the Board of Regents.
- The appointment of the new chancellor is scheduled to be announced in early May.
- Positive feedback was received from the retreats of the department chairs. There will be two additional retreats with staff and a faculty group.

III. Provost Report –
- There was significant consensus among the department chairs during the retreat.
- The 2CI proposals have been decided and the letters will be delivered today. Seven have been funded and the eighth will be funded pending resolution from one of the departments and dean.
- The member presidents on the Atlanta Regional Commission on Higher Education (ARCHE) have decided to focus on sustainability. The member provosts also discussed how ARCHE could aid in recruiting. One idea is that ARCHE could serve as an information center for the member institutions in locating positions for the spouses/partners of the faculty/staff being recruited.

IV. Senate Business
A. Committee on the Budget
   1. Career Transition Report – The Committee discussed the feedback received from the Faculty Affairs Committee, the Staff Council, the SVP for Finance and Administration and the University Attorney. A motion passed to endorse the concept and await the version from the SVP for Finance and Administration to be presented at FACP on March 9.

B. Committee on Research
   1. Policy on Financial Disclosures in Sponsored Instruction, Research or Service Activities. The policy was approved and moved to the senate agenda.
   2. Policy on Individual Conflict of Commitment and Conflict of Interest – The
Policy was approved and moved to the senate agenda.
3. Ad Hoc Committee on Georgia State Research Center Review – The policy was approved and moved to the senate agenda.

C. Discussion Items
1. Subcommittee Report from the Cultural Diversity Committee on Pay Equity Initiative – The report was discussed and it was agreed that we would seek an outside expert to provide advice on the report on pay equity and to propose a plan that would review salaries on a regular basis. This topic will be on the agenda of the next meeting.

2. The 2011-12 Nominations Committee was approved.

3. Recommendations were made to the President concerning Presidential appointees to the senate. He will provide a list within a week.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.