Members Attending: Cleon Arrington, Bill Decatur, Sam Deitz, Sherry Gaines, Ramona Hasan, Ron Henry (chair), Fred Jacobs, Charles Marvin

Members Absent: John de Castro, Tameka Harper

Others Attending: Jerry Rackliffe, Edgar Torbert (secretary)

The minutes of November 14 were approved as distributed.

**Request to Regents to Phase In Tuition and Fees Plateau**

Mr. Rackliffe distributed spreadsheets showing 3- and 4-year phase-ins of the 12-SCH tuition and fees plateau set by the Regents in conjunction with semester conversion. Dr. Henry pointed out students at GSU and DeKalb (Georgia Perimeter) currently taking 15 QCHs would see no change, but students currently taking 12 QCHs would see a 25% increase. He also pointed out the Regents had phased in the graduate and out-of-state differentials over 4 years.

Dr. Jacobs spoke in favor of the 4-year phase-in with respect to the large number of part-time students in CBA. Dr. Marvin commented that completion of the 4-year phase-in would coincide with implementation of higher undergraduate admission standards. Dr. Henry cautioned the Regents may not agree to a phase-in, but also noted a system committee had been formed to consider various tuition and fee structures, including the possibility of a per-SCH structure for all students.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion to recommend a request be made by GSU to the Regents for a 4-year phase-in of the tuition and fees plateau. Dr. Marvin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Fees**

Dr. Henry noted heightened sensitivity of Regents to tuition and fee increases given comparisons of the higher education price index to the consumer price index.

**Athletic Fee**

Dr. Henry pointed out the 3-year commitment to building up the men's basketball program and the annual requirement of $500K in external funds over and above the $150K raised annually heretofore. He added a significant deficit in meeting the fund raising goal was anticipated in the first year while establishing a winning image attractive to donors. He stated the need for a 3-year plan for increasing the athletic fee in order to balance future budgets.

Dr. Arrington inquired about the commitment to women's sports as well. Dr. Henry responded parallel commitments to women's basketball had been made and commented
on the NCAA and Title IX requirements respectively for number of sports for Division I status and percentage of athletes on grants-in-aid by gender. Dr. Jacobs inquired about the funds needed to address gender equity. Mr. Rackliffe cited the proposed figure of $131K for women’s scholarships. Dr. Gaines inquired about the possibility of reducing the number of men's sports by one and adding one women's sport to meet the percentage of athletes on grants-in-aid criterion. Dr. Torbert responded the savings from such a shift rather than only increasing the number of women's scholarships was unclear given the choices of women's sports to add and the costs of travel to institutions with those sports, equipment, etc.

Dr. Decatur pointed out FY98 expenditures for athletics were on target with the budget even as fund raising was not on target. Mr. Rackliffe estimated a shortfall of $450K (to be more accurately projected at the next meeting). Dr. Decatur noted some options for covering the deficit, including the student activity fee fund balance, the GSU Foundation, and other loan sources.

Dr. Henry suggested postponement of the decision on the athletic fee with questions to be directed to the Athletic Department in the meantime regarding fee increases needed to balance the budget. Dr. Jacobs requested another look by the Athletic Department at the mixture of men's and women's sports.

Health Fee

Dr. Deitz commented it was difficult to deal with the health fee (and other fee) requests in light of the athletic fee situation. He suggested the health fee be increased only enough to balance the budget for the current level of programs and services. Dr. Gaines noted unsuccessful attempts to place advanced nursing students in the clinic. Dr. Jacobs noted the need for clarification of the wait time cited for appointments with the psychiatrist. Dr. Gaines suggested students could first see psychologists in the Counseling Center and then be referred to psychiatrists as necessary. She noted the advantage of cooperation among the Health Clinic, the Counseling Center, and the College of Health and Human Sciences in providing services. Dr. Deitz commented that the Counseling Center psychologist-first approach would be in sync with the managed care concept.

Dr. Decatur expressed concern about the lack of information from the proposal and presentation to FACP for making a fee increase decision. Dr. Jacobs inquired as to how Health Services was monitored. Mr. Rackliffe responded the budget was monitored by Accounting Services. Dr. Henry added administrative and support unit assessment would include Health Services. Dr. Jacobs stated the information needs in terms of measurement of how effectively and efficiently current funds are being used and what would be done with additional funds and with what justification. Dr. Decatur added the need for a breakdown of types of clinic visits with related information about staff hours. He also questioned the proposal for both reserve and contingency funds on top of the existing fund balance.

Student Center Facility Fee

Dr. Gaines noted uncertainty about coordination of bookings of the facility with Continuing Education. Dr. Jacobs questioned how to determine if the student center would be organized to achieve efficiency. Mr. Rackliffe pointed out the fee request was tied to a
FC10 budget request for fully funding OMP. Ms. Hasan questioned the proposed levels of custodians assigned to the old University Center and the new student center. Dr. Deitz inquired about the number of student assistants. Mr. Rackliffe responded from the budget it appeared approximately 15 FTE student assistants would be employed.

Dr. Decatur stated a significant increase in the fee would be necessary because of the new programs and operations. He added square footage per custodian would be less than other campus buildings because of heavy use. Dr. Jacobs stated more attention should be given to cleaning other buildings, in particular the CBA and General Classroom buildings which he described as filthy.

Dr. Henry commented on the need for information about current staffing and budget for the University Center. Dr. Gaines inquired how much outsiders would be charged for using the facility. Dr. Henry expanded this issue to the need for an estimate of the revenue stream.

**Exercise Center Fee for Faculty and Staff**

Dr. Henry noted the Exercise Center fee for faculty and staff was not part of the student fee discussion, but was tied to the recreation fee charged students and redirection. Dr. Marvin inquired about the fee for summer use by faculty and staff. Dr. Henry indicated the summer fee would 2/3 of the regular semester fee. Dr. Jacobs suggested a $20-$20-$12.50 set of fees for two regular semesters and summer. Dr. Deitz suggested a $50 annual fee as a slight price break. Mr. Rackliffe suggested consideration of the percentage of users who are faculty and staff. Ms. Hasan asked what facilities would be included for the fee. Mr. Rackliffe responded it appeared only the exercise equipment room was included. Dr. Deitz requested clarification of this point from Recreation.

**Redirection**

Dr. Henry indicated GSU would present its redirection plan to the Chancellor’s staff on February 4. He noted preliminary redirection plans from vice presidents and deans were due to his office on January 9.

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