FISCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE PRESIDENT
Minutes of December 8, 2004

Members Attending: Paul Alberto, Ron Henry, Hugh Hudson, Fenwick Huss, Susan Kelley, Jerry Rackliffe, Debbie Rupp, Hazel Scott, P.C. Tai

Others Attending: Lauren Adamson, Anne Emanuel, Beth Jones, Tom Lewis, Edgar Torbert

The minutes of November 10 were approved.

Athletic Fee

Dr. Henry opened discussion of the proposed increase of the athletic fee from $82 to $102 to cover additional expenses associated with the move to the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA). He noted the original request from Athletics was for a $30 increase.

Dr. Scott reviewed the process of student review through the Student Mandatory Fee Committee (SMFC) as well as meetings with other key student groups, including the Student Government Association. She pointed out the fee increase would not be covered by HOPE, and that in combination with student concern about a tuition increase, the students had supported an increase of $20 rather than $30.

Dr. Huss asked about selection of the students to serve on SMFC. Dr. Scott replied that student members were appointed by the President of the Student Government Association as specified by the Board of Regents. Dr. Huss urged inclusion of graduate students in the process in the future.

Dr. Hudson asked about the impact of the $20 increase versus the proposed $30 increase. Dr. Henry answered that initial projections showed the need for $1.5M-2.0M to cover additional costs of participating in the CAA. Dr. Scott added that the lesser amount would impact Georgia State’s competitiveness in the CAA. She explained that the additional funds would go toward travel, scholarships, operations and facilities. Mr. Lewis and Mr. Rackliffe noted that the Board of Regents would be looking at the recommendation by SMFC for the $20 increase and would not be receptive to a larger increase. Mr. Rackliffe added that a multi-year phase-in to meet full costs would be advisable as actual costs are determined next year.

Dr. Alberto reiterated the need to include graduate students in the review process.

Dr. Kelley made a motion to recommend the athletic fee increase of $20. Dr. Tai seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Other Business

Mr. Rackliffe reported the state auditors had raised questions about the flip-flop methodology of buying library books and that this would not be allowed for FY2005 to FY2006. He indicated other strategies would be pursued, but flip-flop capacity would likely be less.

Dr. Hudson asked about progress on campus-based telephone service. Dr. Henry replied that the
infrastructure was in place, and vendors were being contacted. He estimated implementation in FY2006 or FY2007.

Dr. Tai asked about payments for cell phones for international calls. Mr. Rackliffe replied that calling cards were a better choice.

Prepared by Edgar Torbert
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