P&D AGENDA MEETING & SCHEDULE  
March 22, 2010

Present: Pam Barr, Al Baumstark, Jennifer Chiovaro, Douglas Covey, Dabney Dixon, Paul Gallimore, Sandra Garber, Robert Harrison, Chris Henrich, Leslie Madden, Robin Morris, Lisa Palm, D. Mike Raderstorf, George Rainbolt, Lesley Reid, Jeffrey C. Rupp, Phang C. Tai, Shelly-Ann Williams, Carol Winkler.

Absent: Davis (Greg) Abt (Student Senator), J. L. Albert, Elizabeth Beck, Cathy Brack, Marsha Clarkson, Lacey Enyart (Student Senator), Michael Eriksen, Mary Finn, Christine Gallant, T.J. Hausauer (Student Senator), Richard Miller, William Nichols, George Pierce, Jerry Rackliffe, Timothy Renick, Bruce Seaman, Nancy Seamsans, Mary Shoffner, Roy Sobelson, Ruth Stanford, Andrew Sumner, Vijay K. Vaishnavi, Maryann Wysor, Yi Zhao.

Others Attending: Kristal Perkins & Connie Sampson (GSU Police) and Russ Seagren (Planning & Facilities)

The Agenda was for the meeting was as follows:

1. P&D Minutes 2/15/10
2. Campus Safety (Beth Jones)  
   Robbery/Crime Alert and Safety (Connie Sampson)
3. Opening of the Petit Science Center . . . Celebration & Traffic issues (Beth Jones)  
4. Strategic Planning Committee update (Pam Barr)
5. Other Issues

AGENDA ITEM #1 - Approval of The Minutes
Phang Tai called the meeting at apx. 1:05pm. Corrections to the 2/15/10 minutes would be the information in the spreadsheet at the top of page 2. The motion was made & approved to accept the 2/15/10 minutes after the changes were made.

AGENDA ITEM #2 - Campus Safety (Beth Jones)  
Robbery/Crime Alert and Safety (Connie Sampson)
Beth Jones was not able to attend this meeting so Phang Tai introduced Connie Sampson, Chief of GSU Police to the group to give her updates. Connie passed out a report on 2009 Campus Alerts and introduced Kristal Perkins, Sgt. with fire, fraud & prevention for the briefing.

Kristal talked to the group about the Police Office’s initiatives & standby locations that would help deter crime around campus. The newest initiative HIPP Heightened Intensity Police Presence used a large number of officers to flood high crime areas and be visible so that perpetrators wouldn’t have an opportunity to commit crimes. She also announced that they just received funding to post 3 new patrolmen in the residential campus areas from 5pm-3am every night to cover the areas of the Commons Building, Wall Street, Central Avenue to Peachtree Street, & The Lofts. Connie stressed that in addition to being preventive, a large police presence helped get the word out that the university was not a place for “easy pickings” when it came to crime.
Phang Tai asked about the use of students to help with the campus escort services. Douglas Covey mentioned that it was discussed but not implemented. He explained that there was an issue of what they’d be exposing the students/staff escort(s) to in the current crime environment and that typically, student patrols weren’t as nearly reliable as the officer run patrols. “This is a very intense environment down here, and I think for Georgia State it would be a much better fit to have the Police Dept. handling these things.” Currently the escorts came from officers who were either mobile, on foot, or on bike patrol.

Campus Alert Postings

Dabney Dixon - What’s the law on how long posted reports of crime have to stay up? Kristal replied that there was no law, but there was a discussion about it with the university’s legal services, and it was decided that the postings should stay up for 2 weeks.

The group discussed the length of time that the signs should stay posted and the impression that the postings may give to guests and perspective students. Some members discussed how students ignored postings as just another piece of paper hanging on the wall, and only responded through notification via technology (texts, emails, tweets, etc.). Dabney thought that a few days should be enough. “There was a posting outside of Kell Hall of an armed robbery right at eye level when you entered into the building, and everyday for two weeks when I walked in there it was . . . armed robbery, armed robbery, armed robbery.”

Connie Sampson emphasized that she’d rather err on the side of caution, and mentioned that a 2 week posting should be the minimum because some students only came to campus once or twice a week.

Robin Morris stated that there wasn’t a right or a wrong answer, “We want to give a good 1st impression, but we don’t want give the impression that there’s no crime on campus.” He mentioned that there was definitely a need for balance.

Jeff Rupp mentioned that there was also a big problem with the news reporting crimes that happened near campus as GSU crimes, when they had nothing to do with GSU or the GSU community.

George Rainbolt reminded the group that times had changed, and that the university needed to keep up with the type of students they were dealing with, and that especially, in a time of budget cuts, technology was a much more efficient way of getting the word out.

The group continued and Dabney suggested that there be some sort of scheduled discussion to specifically address these concerns.

In closing Kristal Perkins encouraged the group to go to www.gsu.edu/police to subscribe to the “Daily Police Reports” occurring on campus. She mentioned that right now the alert system only had 209 subscribers taking advantage of the information.

PHANG TAI THANKED CONNIE & HER GROUP AND OFFICIALLY WENT ON RECORD TO PRAISE THEIR GOOD EFFORTS AND HARD WORK.
AGENDA ITEM #3 - Opening of the Petit Science Center...Celebration and Traffic issues

Robbin Morris announced that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Science Center would be held on Monday the 29th at 10am. Decatur & Piedmont would be closed for the ceremony. He mentioned there would be tours of the building, but reminded the group that the building wouldn’t be turned over to GSU until mid/late April.

Russ Seagren, Director of Facilities & Planning was in attendance and updated the group on the traffic safety plans surrounding the new building. It is estimated that 3,000 student per day would be walking the area around the new building. Russ passed out drawings of the intersections around the area (specifically the corner of Piedmont/Decatur). He announced that the group had finally won over support from the City of Atlanta. He also mentioned that they were about to introduce a new concept in crosswalks; a crosswalk containing the university logo embedded with lighting that would change with the traffic lights. He mentioned that if the group was interested in the technology of the crosswalk, there was an example of it that had been laid out at the bottom of the freight dock of the Alumni Hall Building.

The group also secured a contractor to install one of the cross-walks free of charge so that it could also serve as an example for the City of Atlanta. He also announced that after many years of objecting to one, the City agreed to allow a stop light on Piedmont for the area where the GSU community crosses the street coming out of the MARTA station.

Other traffic issues/concerns mentioned

• Issues with trying to enter/exit the G-Deck parking garage
• Traffic displacement due to the narrowing of lanes down Piedmont Street
• Labeling of confusing lane choices for cars traveling exiting on to Jesse Hill Drive from the expressway (frustrated drivers not knowing what lane they should be in)
• Parallel parking spaces being added into the sidewalk areas of Piedmont Street (before Decatur Street)

AFTER A BRIEF Q&A SESSION IN REGARDS TO THESE ISSUES, PHANG TAI THANKED RUSS & BETH (NOT PRESENT) FOR THEIR HARD WORK. HE SPECIFICALLY NOTED THEIR ABILITY TO FINALLY GET THE CITY OF ATLANTA TO WORK WITH THE UNIVERSITY AFTER MUCH RESISTANCE FOR THE PAST 5-6 YEARS.
AGENDA ITEM #4 - Strategic Planning Committee Update (Pam Barr)

Pam Barr started by highlighting the success of the President’s strategic planning kickoff event and gave an update on the online survey recently sent out by the committee. She stated that since the survey was sent out 250-300 responses had been received back. She noted that the deadline to respond to the questioned had been extended to April 19th due to Spring Break. She also mentioned in addition to that survey, a S.W.O.T. questionnaire was sent to key constituents (GSU Foundation Board of Trustees, Faculty Senate Committee Chairs, SGA Officers, Strategic Planning, etc.) for feedback and another way to generate additional information about where the various constituents of the university thought we should be heading; the deadline for their response is April 25th. She mentioned the Strategic Planning Committee also planned to hold open forums to discuss the topics at hand and would hold at least 3 meetings per topic with at least 3 meetings a week so that the GSU community would have a chance to discuss and weigh-in on items that were important to them. The schedule of meetings, rooms, and times would be finalized by April 1st. “The plan is to have all these open forums done before the end of the semester so that we can maximize the input from people before they leave for the break.”

Phang Tai urged P&D to attend the meetings; the strategic plan would eventually come back to P&D in November for approval.

In closing, Phang Tai mentioned that with this meeting being the last P&D meeting for the 2009/2010 cycle, that members who were planning to return for the 2010/2011 try to schedule their Monday and Tuesday classes in the morning so that P&D wouldn’t conflict with their teaching schedules. Afterwards, he adjourned the meeting at apx.1:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lydia Woltz, Admin. Coordinator