GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES, MONTHLY MEETING of THE COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

October 6, 1997, 3:00 p.m.
Room 718, General Classroom Building

Present: Cleon Arrington, Dan Benardot, Marsha Clarkson, Charles Derby, Anne Emanuel, Mark Keil, Rick Lakes, Amy Lederberg, Steve Manson, David Martin, Don Reitzes, May Ann Romski, Duane Rumbaugh, Francis Rushing, Vijay Vaishnavi.


1. The May minutes were approved as written.

2. Subcommittee Reports:

Research/APACE Research Center Review. The three main centers for the committee to review this year are
1) the Gerontology Center,
2) the Center for Sports Medicine, and
3) CHARA.
The Instruction Research Center and the Physical Fitness Center are centers that cannot be reviewed by the board. Mary Ann Romski will send a letter to the Provost informing him about the present situation and why the committee cannot review those two centers.

Improvement for Research Infrastructure. The Committee will send out a notice advertising its existence and welcoming comments and suggestions. The new policy for visiting scholars is to send Paula Dressel a memo and her office will take care of it.

The committee discussed the subject of release time and costs for faculty involved in research activities and the workload policy across the university. The committee is interested to know or seek clarification of the workload in order to meet the needs of granting agencies. Marsha Clarkson will attend a meeting regarding this and will report back to Charles Derby. Dr. Derby will also ask Paula Dressel, Ron Henry, and each of the Deans for more information to report back to the committee. The committee's recommendation is that the university seek to keep the same cost for the semester system as the quarter system. The committee agreed to monitor this situation as a collective rather than relegate it to the infrastructure subgroup.

Internal Grants Review Subcommittee. The committee will review the Internal Grants program and evaluate how funds are currently being distributed. They will also review the guidelines and funding decisions in the Research Enhancement Programs. Cleon Arrington reported that all proposals are reviewed by peers and ranked and that the Research Office has taken measures to eliminate all bias from the selection process.

Joint Strategic Planning Subcommittee. The committee will develop an updated action plan and follow up on Senate resolutions that were passed in the Spring. The Provost is
formulating new ad-hoc committee recommendations about the merging of the Grants and Contracts and Research Offices and the Research Foundation.

3. Update from the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs:
   **FY-97 External Awards.** Cleon Arrington reported that the Research Office has closed out the federal fiscal year with 14.9 million dollars. When SEOG and Pell grant monies are added, the total will exceed 15.5 million dollars, which is the threshold for Carnegie Research II classification. He reported 50% of extramural proposals from GSU are being funded and that the total amount of external grants funded in FY-97 is 37 million dollars, up from 32 million last year.

4. New Business:

   **Committee Assistant.** Finda Robinson, of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, will succeed Lakita Cordova as the Chair’s assistant for the 1997-98 year.

   THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1997 IN 718 GENERAL CLASSROOM BUILDING

Please send questions or comments to Mary Nell Stone