GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SENATE RESEARCH
COMMITTEE
October 12, 1998
Room 718, General Classroom Building


Absent: Decatur, Henry, Lederberg, Martin, Meyers, Rigdon, Rushing, Sattelmeyer, Vaishnavi, Nuru.

Meeting began at 3:05 PM

1. 1998-99 Membership List was circulated for telephone, office, and e-mail corrections.

2. Request was made by the Chair for all members to volunteer to serve on a research subcommittee. It was noted that the Infrastructure and Internal Grants subcommittees are already well staffed (see attached list).

3. Minutes of the May 11, 1998 meeting were approved without corrections.

4. Old Business
   A. Dr. Manson drafted the recommendation for the Research Committee on possible GSU membership in SURA (Southeastern Universities Research Association). Membership cost is considerable the first year, however, it drops by 75% in the following years. The SURA dues will be paid by the Provost's Office. If acquired, all faculty will be able to access portions of SURA through the Internet. The motion was made and seconded to forward a formal recommendation to the Provost's Office from the Chair to support the GSU membership in SURA.

   B. Participation and involvement by the Research Committee in decisions that affect research is a major goal of the committee. The Chair plans to meet one-on-one with the deans to discuss the role of the Research Committee. In addition, she will invite the Provost to attend the next Research Committee meeting to discuss this matter.

   C. Dr. Boykin reported that the Research Administrative Review Committee submitted the following three recommendations to the Provost in June, 1998: 1) co-location of the Office of Grants & Contracts and the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs; 2) the shift of the responsibility of record-keeping and accounting to principal investigators and their departments made easier with the implementation of PeopleSoft; and, 3) the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs be the one point of contact for principal investigators (this requires that ORSP assume an advocacy role for principal investigators in dealing with grant related issues which involve any other unit of the university).

5. New Business
A. It was recommended that the protection of indirect costs should be a major activity of the Research Committee this year. Attention to the research needs of academic programs must also be addressed. This will be an ongoing topic of concern for the committee.

B. The Provost announced that as of October 1, 1998, all research grant proposals are to be routed through the GSU Research Foundation. Approximately the same proportion of indirect costs will be returned to the department.

C. Dr. Arrington reported an increase in GSU's FY98 federal awards of 103.1% over FY97. (This figure includes the USAID award.) (See attached figure)

6. Committee Reports
A. Research Center Review - A listing of all research centers at Georgia State University was submitted to each committee member for review. It was reported that the Center for High Angular Resolution is on schedule for review this academic year. Criteria used in evaluating research centers at GSU was submitted to each member along with a center review survey.

B. Internal Grants - Changes have been made to the Dissertation Grant program. Applicants normally ineligible because of their own extramural grant support or certain current funding received by their dissertation director may now submit their application and proposal along with a written explanation directly to the Associate Vice President for Research at least one (1) week before the application deadline for a case-by-case review.

C. Research Infrastructure - There were no meetings during the summer and no issues at the time. However, there are two issues before the subcommittee now parking and the library. A meeting will be called in the near future.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Monday November 9th at 3pm.

Please send questions or comments to Mary Nell Stone