GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

February 22, 1999
Room 718, General Classroom Building


Meeting began at 3:10 PM

I. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of January 25, 1999 meeting were approved without corrections.

II. Old Business

A. Report from Ad Hoc Task Force on Research Facilities

There have been no new developments. There should be some word from consultants by mid-March.

B. Standing Subcommittee Reports

1) Research Review Center - CHARA being investigated. They are likely to have approval by the next meeting. There have been changes in the review document, but the committee hasn't met on this issue yet.

2) Research Infrastructure - No report.

3) Strategic Planning - No report; committee hasn't met since action plan.

4) Internal Grants - Motion made and seconded for recommendation to increase award amount of Research Initiation awards 62% (from $5,000 to $8,000). QIF awards have been made. [Will be looking at Equipment Matching Grants for fully loaded grants--seems to be another program needing more money (possible increase by $50,000?)--to be discussed at next meeting.]

3. GSU Research Foundation Representatives Report

Issue of expenditure of funds through the GSU Research Foundation - Monies in individual research accounts, should it be free flowing or "fixed" for research project only? GSU Research Foundation has been turning down supplemental expenditures and asking for more documentation and support if not used for research related projects. Policy issues to be addressed: 1-What can monies be used for? 2-What documentation and support is needed? 3-What are the acceptable limitations of expenditures if GSU is audited? What is the possibility of merging two projects in order to maximize all available monies? General consensus of committee: Would like to see procedures that are policy oriented, not procedure oriented.

III. New Business

Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

Dr. Reitzes will be leaving the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and going over to chair the Sociology department. Until July 1, his duties will be split between ORSP and Sociology. This raised
concerns about the positions of Associate VP and Acting VP (due to Dr. Arrington's illness). Dr. Reitzes informed the committee that this responsibility belongs to the provost.

The meeting was adjoined at 4:30 PM.

The next meeting of the Research Committee will be on Monday, March 22 at 3:00 PM in 718-GCB.