Georgia State University  
Senate Research Committee  
Minutes From January 28, 2002

Present: Don Reitzes, Charles Louis, Sid Crow, Vijay Vaishnavi, Neven Valev, Don Edwards, Kathleen Pittman, Susan Talburt, Michael Galchinsky, Robin Morris, Lyn Thaxton, P. C. Tai, Crawford Elliott, Laurie Tis, Bala Ramesh, Tom Netzel, Kathryn Kozaitis, Al Baumstark, Shehab Hashim, Dan Benardot, Roberta Byrum and Wanda Page

Meeting called to order at 3:05pm.

Don Reitzes (Vice-Chair) chaired in place of Mary Ann Romski who was at a conference.

Approval of Minutes
Minutes from the November 2001 meeting were approved.

Old Business

Graduate Tuition Waiver Resolution-

Whereas, the Senate supports improvement in graduate student support levels including increased stipends and graduate student health insurance

Whereas, changes to existing criteria for graduate tuition waivers will cause undue hardships including reduction in graduate student recruitment into programs and negative financial impacts to students, colleges, and programs

Resolved, that the Senate supports the existing criteria for graduate tuition waivers.

The resolution we developed in conjunction with the Budget and APACE committee went to the Senate Executive Committee. The resolution will not go to the floor of the Senate because the Provost agreed that proposed modifications to the criteria for graduate tuition waivers will not be put in place until: 1) Data gathering is complete so that the impact of the policy is fully understood and 2) Any changes in criteria from current practice will be reviewed by FACP with input from Research, Budget, Faculty Affairs, and APACE.

Strategic Planning- The Strategic Planning committee has asked for health insurance for graduate students, and this request is still in the action planning stage.

Intellectual Property Subcommittee Update- The subcommittee met on January 14th to discuss various comments brought to the table by the six Committee members.

Report from VP for Research

Update on grants- Last year (2001) awards in Sponsored Programs were up approximately 20% to the institution. The first six months of the last financial year, Research was up 22%.
The V P for Research will prepare a monthly summary of external grants and proposals activity for distribution at each regularly scheduled Senate Research Committee meeting.

The transition of data into the new *Info Ed Database* will take place on February 1st. Sponsored Programs will begin inputting data for awards into this system.

**RCR Program Implementation Working Group** - Dr. Louis will put together a working group that will contain 3 members from the senate committee and faculty from throughout the university. Some basic workshops will be provided through Research that will cover the majority of the nine areas in Responsible Conduct of Research. This will be a requirement for all public health service supported Investigators. This committee will decide what the actual program will be, what will be the most convenient method for delivering it, and how should it be done.

**Standing Subcommittees**

**Research Center Review** - No new business.

**Internal Grants** - The deadline for research instrumentation will be February 1st, for research initiation and research mentoring February 15th, and for RPE and team grants March 1st.

Dr. Louis will provide the Senate Research Committee with an annual report on the budget for internal grants in the Spring of each year as he prepares his annual budget presentation for the Provost and FAC-P. This information will permit the committee to monitor the funding for internal grants.

**Research Infrastructure** - No new business

**New Business**

**New Subcommittee on the Responsible Conduct of Research** - The Senate Research Committee has been asked to develop a university-wide policy for the Responsible Conduct of Research. Al Baumstark has volunteered to chair this committee; which will be made up of faculty representatives from the Senate Research Committee as well as other representatives throughout the university.

The subcommittee’s charge is as follows:

*The charge of this committee is to develop a policy of responsible conduct of research for the university. This policy will establish a standard code of conduct, that all of the institutions' faculty, staff, and students will follow with respect to responsible conduct of research at Georgia State. This includes plagiarism, publication, data management, and some other areas.*

Next meeting will be Monday February 18th, 2002.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm.