Georgia State University  
Senate Research Committee  
Minutes from April 15, 2002


Visitor: Joan Carson

Meeting was called to order at 3:07pm

Minutes were approved from March 18\textsuperscript{th} meeting.

\textbf{Election of Committee Chair for 2002-2003}

Don Reitzes was unanimously elected as Chair of the Senate Research Committee for 2002-03.

\textbf{Old Business}

\textbf{Program Review} - Joan Carson was invited as a guest speaker to discuss Academic Program Review and the review of Research Centers. She reminded the Committee that whenever possible Research Centers will be reviewed as part of a departmental or unit review. The Deans will identify Research Centers in their colleges and schools. A subcommittee of the Research Committee will prepare a report on a Center that will become part of the APACE review. The template for research center reviews identifies eight guidelines for Center reviews:

1. The historical and contextual background of the unit.
2. Goal and objectives.
3. The need for the program.
4. The quality of the curriculum.
5. The quality of the students in the program.
6. The quality of the faculty.
7. The adequacy of resources.
8. The strengths and weaknesses of the program.

\textbf{Graduate Student Assistantship Guidelines} - There are seven guidelines to follow when appointing a graduate assistant.

1. Types and levels of assistantships available to graduate students.
2. Workload
3. Course enrollment
4. Pay ranges
5. Pay schedule
6. Reduced tuition
7. Criteria for awarding assistantships

\textbf{Standing Subcommittees}
Internal Grants- Amy Lederberg reported that The Internal Grant subcommittee will present a report with recommendations at our May meeting. The VP for Research announced that he would present a summary of internal funds and grants awarded for 2002-03 at a Fall Research Committee meeting.

Ad Hoc Subcommittees

Data Gathering and Graduate Education- Michael Galchinsky presented a resolution that the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs annually count faculty activities and achievements to serve as indicators of research productivity to complement and extent measures based on number and amount of external grants. The Committee voted to table the motion until after we receive a report from the Graduate Indicators subcommittee.

Dr. Galinsky also presented committee members with summaries of the Lombardi Program on Measuring University Performance. The Report noted, “Data that directly measure faculty quality and productivity at the institutional level are rare, but national figures do exist on the numbers of National Academy memberships and prestigious faculty awards of various kinds. These distinctions, which recognize individual faculty merit in a wide range of scholarly disciplines, serve as useful indicators of an institution’s success in acquiring scarce faculty talent. Taken together, the two measures identify faculty recognized for distinction in the sciences, the humanities and social sciences, as well as most of the other fields of academic scholarship.”

Report from VP for Research

Dr. Louis distributed a summary of sponsored activities for March 2002.

Announcements

Mary Ann Romski announced that the search for a new Associate VP for Research was continuing.

Don Reitzes announced that the 2002-2003 Meeting Schedule will be distributed electronically.

The Committee unanimously approved a resolution thanking Mary Ann Romski for her outstanding leadership as Chair of the Senate Research Committee.

There will be a special meeting on Monday, April 29th, 3:00-5:00 PM in 718-G to discuss the new Intellectual Property Policy.

The next regular meeting of the Senate Research Committee will be May 20th from 3:00-5:00 PM in 718-G. An agenda will be electronically distributed before the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.