Senate Research Committee
Georgia State University
Minutes from September 23, 2002

Present: Don Reitzes, Charles Louis, Albertha Barrett, Vijay Vaishnavi, Laurie Tis, Susan Talburt, Roberta Byrum, Gayle Christian, Amy Lederberg, C. S. Thachenkary, Crawford Elliott, Mary Ann Romski, Mohamed Ghazi, Sid Crow, Tim Bartness, Nichole Andrews, Kathleen Pittman, Barry Chung, and Robin Morris

I. Approval of Minutes from August 26th meeting
Minutes were approved with a request by Charles Louis for a summary of Claire Sterk’s presentation.

II. Old Business
1. Crawford Elliott reported that the Senate Executive Committee recommended some revisions in the Intellectual Property Policy. After discussion the Committee voted to approve the recommendation that Section XIV Changes in Policy begin by noting that The Policy will be reviewed by the Senate Research Committee and Senate Faculty Affairs Committee at least every two years. The Executive Committee also requested, and the Committee approved the suggestion, that a Table accompany the Policy present data on the distribution of intellectual property income as proposed in the Policy and at other Universities. Finally, the Committee sent back to the Intellectual Property Subcommittee, for further study, the recommendation that the Vice President for Research will (as opposed to “may”) refer an appeal to the Intellectual Property Committee.

2. Don Reitzes requested comments on the final report of Five-Year Review of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. There was a brief discussion of the report.

3. Roberta Byrum presented background information on the Georgia State University Research Foundation (GSURF) and selected information about its revenue and expenses. The Committee decided not to proceed at this time with respect to GSURF paying interest on departmental accounts above a certain minimum balance such as $50,000. The Committee also asked for an annual report on the activities of GSURF at its September meeting.

4. Tim Bartness presented a resolution restricting pets on campus. The Committee passed the resolution and sent it on to the Senate Executive Committee.

5. At our August meeting Tom Netzel proposed a HVAC Equipment Modernization resolution. The resolution was distributed in advance of this meeting. The Committee decided that it would be more effective to postpone a vote on a resolution and instead invite Katherine Johnston, Vice President for Finance and Administration, to our October meeting. In particular, we are interested in plans for HVAC improvement throughout the University and plans/contingency procedures for the protection of laboratory animals and research equipment during HVAC breakdowns and repairs. The Committee requested that the Research Infrastructure Subcommittee poll Committee members and assemble other related concerns to be raised with the Vice President.

III. Standing Subcommittee
1. Internal Grants (Mary Ann Romski)
   The Committee decided that it would be appropriate for the Internal Grants
   Subcommittee to review and to consider for future action the Resolution first
   passed August 28, 2000 supporting increased funding for Internal Grants
   program and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

2. Research Center Review (Don Reitzes)

3. Research Infrastructure (Steve Manson and Roberta Byrum)

IV. Ad Hoc Subcommittees
1. Graduate Indicators (Robin Morris)
   Robin Morris reported that the subcommittee has assembled a set of indicators
   and is now working on identifying a core group of indicators that can be used
   to track graduate programs.

2. Responsible Conduct of Research (Al Baumstark)

3. Research Committee representatives on VP’s Working Group on
   Responsible Conduct of Research (Tim Bartness, Susan Talburt, Bala
   Ramesh)

4. Research Committee representatives to GSURF (Amy Lederberg and
   Robin Morris)

5. Research Committee representative to Strategic Planning Initiative
   (Al Baumstark)

V. Report from VP for Research
Charles Louis presented and distributed to the Committee a summary of
sponsored activities for August 2002, data on GSU research awards and
expenditures for FY02, and background information on intellectual property
activities at GSU since 1991.

VI. New Business

VII. Announcements
1. The next Senate Research Committee meeting will be on October 21, 3:00-
   5:00 PM in 718-G.