Senate Research Committee  
Georgia State University  
Minutes from March 17, 2003


I. Approval of Minutes from February 27, 2003.

II. Guest Speaker
Bill Fritz, Associate Provost, described for the Committee the indicators used by the University of Florida’s ranking of the top 200 Research Universities and the goal that GSU become one of the top 100 public research universities in the nation. The ten indicators used in the University of Florida ranking include: total research expenditure; federal research expenditure; endowment assets; annual giving; National Academy members; national faculty awards, doctorates awarded; postdoctoral appointees; median SAT score; and National Merit & Achievement scholars.

III. Standing Committees
1. Internal Grants  
Mary Ann Romski reported that the subcommittee has begun its discussion of the Research Program Enhancement program.

2. Research Center Review  
Don Reitzes reported that the subcommittee has been divided into teams to review Research Centers as part of unit academic program review. After the reviews have been completed, he would like the subcommittee to review the definition of a research center.

IV. Ad Hoc Subcommittees
1. Graduate Indicators  
Robin Morris reported that the Graduate Indicators subcommittee had completed its work and was submitting to the Provost a list of core attributes to be used to describe graduate programs. Other attributes may be useful to describe specific graduate programs. Robin noted the difficulty in merging databases to get reliable data across graduate programs in the University. The Committee decided that it would be useful to invite Joan Carson, Senior Faculty Associate to the Provost, to the April meeting to discuss how these indicators will be collected and used.

V. Report from the Vice President
The Vice President for Research distributed the Summary of Sponsored Activities for February 2003.

VI. Announcements
The next Senate Research Committee meeting will be on April 21, 3:00-5:00 PM in 718-G at which time Joan Carson, Senior Faculty Associate to the Provost, will talk about indicators of graduate programs.