Senate Research Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 17, 2008
3:00 PM – Sun Trust Annex

Attendees: Rose Sevcik, Robin Morris, Paul Alberto, Tim Bartness, Dan Benardot, Robert Curry, Dee Baldwin, Sandra Garber, Karen Gieseker, Chris Henrich, Beth Jones, Amy Lederberg, Randy Malamud, Susan McCombie, Don Reitzes, P. C. Tai, Vijay Vaishnavi, June Houston

- Committee members accompanied Gary Brennaman and Kate Marchman to the new CollabTech facility at the Sun Trust Annex
- The meeting convened at 3pm and called to order by Rose Sevcik.
- October 20, 2008 minutes approved.
- Robin Morris stated the tour of the facility would be conducted at the end of the meeting. He presented a brief summary about the CollabTech space stating GSURF contributed funds to support Collabtech.
- GSURF rented the space from Sun Trust, and Sun Trust was renting from the GSU Foundation until the Sun Trust lease expired. He reported the rates for the labs in the building were at the low end of market rates.
- Robin Morris presented the results of the URSA user satisfaction survey. He stated there was about a 40% return rate. Given the survey results, there would be some new focus directed towards the processes involved in the closing of grants. IRB issues are being addressed and encouraged the committee to attend the workshop sponsored by the College of Education and the University Research Services and Administration planned for Friday, November 21 regarding Human Subject Issues in Education Research by Dr. Joan Sieber who is the editor in Chief of the Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics. This workshop should assist researchers with compliance issues. Robin stated IACUC is also being addressed although there have been major software problems. He said lots of resources have been used to try to fix the problem but there are still problems.
- For PERS Certification, we have made significant improvements in compliance (around 92%) but that still means we have 8% not in compliance (which our auditors recently pointed out and have been looking into). In order to help insure compliance, URSA has developed and vetted a policy that 1) uncertified PER charges have to be moved off the grant and charged to the department and if that doesn’t improve compliance then in those rare cases when faculty just will not certify, they may be restricted from submitting additional grants. Chairs and Business Managers will be advised of the status of their departments and faculty compliance to assist with this effort in insuring that their departments comply. Robin stated the government is looking closely at the Personal Effort Reporting, Cost Transfers and Cost Sharing in their audits and that he will need to be diligent in enforcing this policy in order for the university not to incur fines.

Report from Standing Committees
- Internal Grants – Randy Malamud stated he had given Amy Lederberg feedback on revising the grant forms which would address awards funding and mentoring grants, the process of application, as well as monitor the efficacy of competing awards. Amy stated she was working on having a review center in which grants would be electronically scanned and results of the application uploaded. She stated that awards would be allocated based on the reviews across the board. She also stated that if a program is not working, it should be dissolved.
- Research Center Review – Don Reitzes reported there are 3 or 4 centers going up and he did not foresee any problems at this date.
- Research Infrastructure – Subcommittee have not met.
- Research Integrity – Chris Henrich – No report.
- Strategic Planning – No report.
• **IRB Advisory – Don Reitzes** stated his subcommittee met in June and spoke with all Deans and discussed representation and user satisfaction.

• **High Performance Computing/IS&T and Research** – No report.

• **Institutional Repository** – No report.

**New Business** – Amy reported on Scholarly Research Conference Support Grant stating the goal is to fund conference activities that bring in distinguished researchers and scholars to campus and make them more aware of GSU’s research, scholarly programs, and facilities. She distributed a synopsis of the FY 2007 Conference Awards to the committee. It was noted that the GSU Research Foundation had decided not to name the awards for Dr. Netzel as this could possibly be confused with the scholarship and fundraising plans being developed in Chemistry and thanked the Senate Research Committee for this idea.

**Announcements** – None

Meeting concluded with Robin giving a tour of the CollabTech facility.

The next meeting of the Senate research Committee is scheduled for **Monday, January 26 at 3:00 p.m in 315 Alumni Hall**