March 15, 2010 Minutes approved as to form.

Rose Sevcik was unanimously approved by committee members present to continue as Chair for the next Senate Research Committee upcoming term.

Robin Morris gave a brief synopsis about GSURF at the request of Don Reitzes. Robin stated that GSURF is a 503 Georgia nonprofit corporation which supports research activities for the University. Robin is the chair. It is managed by 10 directors 6 of whom are members based on their responsibilities at GSU. The other 4 are comprised of 2 members from the GSU Senate Research Committee annually elected and 1 member from the University faculty elected as well by the Senate Research Committee and the 4th elected by an affirmative vote of a majority of board members. The Petit Research Building was partially funded by GSURF.

Don Reitzes reported that Dabney Dixon and P.C. Tai had been nominated and Susan Laury had been nominated as the at large member. Dr. Tai stated he heard Dabney Dixon had expressed that she did not want to serve again on the Board. Don Reitzes then asked for a vote to elect Dabney, P.C. and Susan with the understanding that another vote would take place at the next meeting in May should Dabney Dixon decline. Unanimously approved.

Amy Lederberg reported on the Post Doc Policy for Postdoctoral Research Appointees. Although the policy has been approved by the Senate Research Committee, Amy proffered for the benefit of the new members attending that salaries for post docs would have a starting salary of $30,000 with a maximum term not to exceed 7 years. No advertising of these positions are required and post docs can be either part-time or full time. She stated that the policy has gone to the Deans, Associate Deans and Chairs’ Council and approved. Dr. Tai requested that a change be made on the 1st page of the policy under Policy Administration to state that the Mandating Authority would be
Administrative Council and not other as now checked. Senate Research Committee also agreed that pressure should be placed upon the Deans to enforce the policy. Post Doc Policy unanimously approved by Senate Research Committee. Goes to Administrative Council for approval next.

- Don reported on the Review of the Experimental Economics Center aka ExCEN which had been presented by Tim Bartness for review. Don asked Senate Research Committee for a vote (Memorandum had been sent previously to the Senate Research Committee for review.) Approval was unanimous. Don stated it would be sent to Mary Finn and then back to the Academic Program Review.

- Amy Lederberg and Albertha Barrett had no report.

- Robin Morris reported on the Intellectual Property Policy stating that this policy would give more flexibility with an IP committee consisting of 9 members consisting of a member from the Office of Finance Administration (Jerry Rackliffe), Legal Affairs (Kerry Heyward and members from each of the 6 colleges appointed by President Becker. All members should be familiar with IP disclosures or experience. The president also selects the chair for the committee. Robin will be taking this policy to the Deans and will then bring it back with any feedback/concerns to the Senate Research Committee.

- Robin stated he was happy to report that URSA hired a new IRB staff member, Twallace Fletcher. Margaret Kilculen-Steiner replaced John Duktig for IACUC support, who left to work for private industry.

- Robin stated the roll-out for the new People Soft Grants Module (which will be digital) will be presented at the next Senate Research Committee meeting by Amy Lederberg. Amy stated she would like committee members to consider attending her workshop as she would like user input.

- Robin requested all at this meeting to please certify their PERS from last summer if it is correct, but not to do so if it is incorrect and to take this message back to their departments to please certify so fines would not continue to be incurred.

- Robin reported that the Petit Research Building has finally been released and the moves should begin within the next 10 days. The teaching labs and classrooms should be open this summer. He reported that the budget was not as bad as previously projected but was still going to involve cuts; that 2 CIs had been funded.

- Dr. Tai reported that the LSAMP conference will be held this weekend, April 24-25. This is a joint conference with URSA and Chinese researchers.

- Old business: Amy reported that she and Bill Nelson have developed a form for individual awards and will discuss it at the May meeting.

- Electronic routing of grant proposals will be discussed in the May as well.
Next Senate Research Committee Meeting – May 17, 2010 in 326 Alumni Hall