Deans’ Group Minutes 05/23/01

In attendance: Ahmed Abdelal, Roy Bahl, Reid Christenberry, Ron Colarusso, Sid Harris, Charlene Hurt, Susan Kelley, Mike Moore. Ron Henry chaired. Also in attendance: Yezdi Bhada, Charles Louis, Steve Kaminshine, and Doug Podoll.

I. The minutes of 05/09/01 were approved.

II. Emeriti Faculty Project
Yezdi Bhada presented information regarding involvement of emeriti faculty in supporting the university. He asked if the colleges/schools are currently involving their emeriti faculty. Susan Kelley noted three emeriti who are involved in research, teaching and mentoring. Ahmed Abdelal indicated similar informal involvement (some of whom are financially compensated) for their involvement in research and teaching. Ron Colarusso noted that emeriti are aiding junior faculty in gaining research grants. Roy Bahl described emeriti faculty who are involved in similar supportive activities. Yezdi Bhada suggested an advisory group be organized to support university-wide emeriti activities (including development) and asked the deans to nominate individuals. Charlene Hurt suggested that Bob McGinnis had established a similar committee, which primarily supported social activities among emeriti. Roy Bahl noted that alumni link their university experiences positively with emeriti faculty. Ron Henry suggested a follow up email would be sent.

III. Adjustments to Foreign Student Cost of Attendance
Doug Podoll described the modified “Foreign Student Financial Statement.” He indicated the monthly cost of living expenses are the same regardless of program. He suggested living expenses exceed the $12,000 quoted by the university (as compared to the GSU Office of Financial Aid and the Fulbright organization.) He suggests this figure should be revised to $14,000. (The law school and the executive MBA program have some unique fee structures.) Roy Bahl asked what triggered this proposed modification. Doug Podoll suggested that especially with undergraduate students, the $12,000 figure underestimates the cost of living in Atlanta. In addition, he indicated our current figure is below those graduate programs at institutions with which we compete. The new value places GSU between UGA and GIT. Ahmed Abdelal asked if students with student visas are entitled to work on campus to augment their income. Doug Podoll agreed that these students could work up to 20 hours. Sid Harris asked how much this would increase cost. Ron Henry indicated that the department would have to guarantee international graduate students the $14,000 figure (or the student would have to substantiate their personal funds.) Roy Bahl suggested revising this figure would be difficult since agreements have already been made, especially with budgetary considerations. Ron Henry noted that this type of the support might make it difficult for departments to support the same number of international students. Steve Kaminshine asked if anecdotal information exists to support the need for an increased cost of living base line. Roy Bahl asked if foreign funded scholarships would accommodate this figure. Doug Podoll said that these organizations would meet this base line. Ron Henry suggested the figure be raised $1000 for Fall 2002 and $1000 for Fall 2003, considering commitments have already been for Fall 2001. The group agreed to this suggestion.

Ron Henry asked about the status of the international student orientation. Doug Podoll indicated this was not implemented, as they were not fully funded. He suggested the cost per student is $31 (for about 500 students.) Ahmed Abdelal stated that FACP did not approve this cost to students because this is not friendly to students. Ron Henry recommended that the university support this funding.

IV. Revision of Graduate Student Pay Guidelines
Ron Henry presented a proposal to scale GA support for Fall 2001. Ron Colarusso pointed out the hourly rate would be decreased for GA I and II (from an hourly rate of $6 to $5.8.) Susan Kelley did not support this decrease. Ron Colarusso pointed out that the number of hours they are required to work would also be increased. Ahmed Abdelal indicated the suggested rates are to be considered minimum rates.

For Fall 2002, the group agree that a GAlIII annual appointment be placed at $12,000 for doctoral students to receive a tuition waiver ($9,600 for the academic year, $4,800 for the term, $2,400 for the summer term.) The group agreed to eliminate the hour requirement, but would be required to complete 9 semester hours of course work.

V. Announcements:
Ron Henry announced that GSU would be the location of the Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement. This initiative originates from the Governor’s office. The Institute would be housed in the Provost’s Office and function across colleges. Course offerings may begin in January 2002.

Next meeting 06/20, 9:00 to 11:00 am, Room 200 Golden Key Board Room, Student Center.