Deans’ Group Minutes 02/27/02


I. Minutes of 02/13/02 were approved.

II. Budget Issues
The GSU share of USG workload money has been estimated at between $2.2M to $2.6M. An estimated amount between $5.5M and $5.8M may be needed to meet a potential budget shortfall for this budget. Bill Fritz described projected new freshman enrollments for 2002-2003 as being substantially increased (at approximately 20% based on percentage of increase in freshman application and acceptance rates.) Students will be encouraged to take courses from across the core requirements. Efforts will be designed to increase capacity of individual class enrollment matches room capacity. In addition, students will be advised to enroll in the “Jump Start” summer program.

Ahmed Abdelal encouraged the continued admission of transfer students. He also stated he felt the largest strain will be exhibited in introductory English and mathematics. Ron Henry indicated classroom space will be available to deal with these enrollments, although scheduling these classes will be difficult, more limiting is of space available to additional faculty needed to meet these needs. Bill Fritz explained transfer student deadlines could be extended, especially for those with more than 45 hours (enrolling in upper division coursework.) Ron Henry indicated retention rates are increasing (up to 80% for first year students.)

Ron Colarusso asked how the other colleges could be of assistance. Ahmed Abdelal indicated that faculty who teach courses in Area B may be contacted. He is very concerned about the limited number of sections in English and mathematics. Bill Fritz indicated the use of evening classes could be helpful. Fenwick Huss recommended reviewing the results of the survey concerning student enrollment preferences.

Ron Henry also discussed several off-budget items of interest for the future. He estimated the total of these figures to be approximately $6.4M for FY03 and he also encouraged moving many of these items to the budget. Off-budget items include some of the following: Banner SIS, GSUNET2, library budget support, Wachovia building renovation, and unmet demand needs. Ahmed Abdelal suggested deeper scrutiny should be placed on examining the detail Banner SIS budget rationale. Fenwick Huss indicated long term plans should be made concerning the budgets and the level of expertise required of staff needed to support Banner within the individual units.

III. OEA Reporting
Ron Henry presented a draft of the “Report Card Requirements” as proposed by the OEA. He also reminded the group he has requested a list of the required certifications/licensure (including some of those which are not required but as proscribed by the OEA for reporting procedures) from each college or school.

IV. GA Appointment Guidelines
Ron Henry presented a new draft of the GA Appointment Guideline proposal that he has also reviewed with Barbara Carroll. The deans proposed a few additional modifications.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 9:00 to 11:00 am, Golden Key Board Room, Room 200, Student Center.

Submitted by Lisa Beck 02/27/02