
I. Minutes of 02/27/02 were approved.

II. Budget
Ron Henry presented a budget update commenting that the Legislative Conference committee is still reviewing proposals. He informed the group that the base budget will be decreased by $9.69 M (5.86%) and that special funding budget will be decreased by $234,000 (22%). He also indicated salary raises are presently intact at 3.25%, without the $1800 limit imposed on other state agencies.

III. University Lofts
Hazel Scott and Andrea Trinklein presented information about the University Lofts project. Hazel Scott encouraged the continued support of the graduate coordinators within the schools/colleges. She displayed floor plans and of the various units as well as the external facade. The set includes space for retail leased space as well as public areas designated for exercise, laundry and computer workstations as well as conference areas. Controlled areas are available for outside activities including picnic tables and playgrounds. The Lofts for single students include studios, 2 and 4 bedroom units. Married housing includes 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units. The internal decor has an urban look.

Andrea Trinklein distributed brochures concerning rates with local comparisons for furnished units. She noted that amenities make the facilities comparable to other areas. She also encouraged the deans to take tours of the Lofts. Hazel Scott commented the University Housing website has detailed information which is easily accessible, including application procedures. They will continue to market information to graduate students and inform graduate coordinators. Students must be enrolled in 6 hours to live in the units. Hazel Scott also indicated if space is available, visiting faculty may be included in the Lofts.

IV. Enrollment
Bill Fritz indicated the GOSOLAR mock registration went well. He also noted freshmen applications are still up to 20% above last year at this time (transfer applications are up 10%). He projected approximately this trend will continue and that enrollment is also projected to increase by approximately 600. He also noted questions concerning requests are also increased by about 40%. Finally, he estimated an approximate growth in credit hour generation of about 64,000.

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failing@ rate is down following the introduction of placement testing and Mathematical Modeling courses. Charlene Hurt asked if the limitations were due to grading loads and if GTAs could be used to aid grading; Ahmed Abdelal agreed but noted that graduate students are already heavily involved in teaching.

V. Research Awards and Expenditures
Charles Louis presented information regarding research awards and expenditures. He noted that the overall success rate of awards vs. proposals was 70% across the campus, with wide variance between the colleges/schools. He indicated sponsored awards increased 20% last year ($46.8M). He indicated Aexpenditures@ is a more valuable indicator of success. Last year GSU expenditures were $36M. Ahmed Abdelal and Roy Bahl expressed concern about the difference in the figures and the nature of expenditures that may not be included.

Charles Louis also distributed a pamphlet concerning Facilities and Administrative (F&A) costs (indirect costs) at GSU. The overall average F&A costs for the university is 15% which he indicated is a little low in comparison to other peer institutions, with wide variance between colleges. He also displayed federal expenditure obligations ($14.6M for FY01) due to cleansing procedures from the old budget computing systems. He noted other years=A data will not reflect this cleansing. As compared to other GA institutions, GSU is increasing in their federal R&D expenditures.

Charles Louis focused on the findings of the John Lombardi Center AThe Top Research University ReportA to compare GSU. GSU ranks 188 for federal R&D expenditures, 13th among our 14 USGA peer groups. He also indicated that licensing income and numbers of patents filed for GSU is low within the other GA institutions. Further he commented the Washington Group questioned GSU=s seriousness in developing intellectual property.

Ron Henry suggested that comparisons are not particularly fair since Georgia State does not have a medical, engineering or agriculture school. Roy Bahl suggested in some cases federal monies may not be the most beneficial for some academic areas. He also noted that values must be calibrated based on the size of individual colleges. Ron Henry indicated the only reliable information that can be compared is based on federal research expenditures and he feels it is also important to examine total expenditures as well. He also suggested the indirect costs shares are calculated by the federal authorities and are outside of our control, pointing out the importance of careful collection of data to provide to outside agencies. Ron Henry encouraged bringing the consultant into the group to explain the findings for GSU ICR values.

VI. GA Policy
Ron Henry distributed the latest draft of the GA Policy. He modified the document to clarify enrollment requirements. He also indicated a future discussion item concerning limiting graduate assistantships for GSU employees.

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