Deans' Group Minutes 10/13/04


Minutes of 9/15/04 were approved.

Budget
Ron Henry addressed the handout on FY2004 Recommendation. The budget cut to Georgia State will be 3.1 million for this current year. The tuition increase will probably still occur, but the Board of Regents decided to wait. The one-time funding to offset reduction will not continue.

Ron Henry advised that there is no money in the supplemental budget which generally is able to distribute additional funds in March.

Ron Henry mentioned that the Board of Regent's has established a Tuition Task Force. Bill Fritz and Jerry Rackliffe are members. Bill Fritz commented that a recent conference call of the Task Force outlined some considerations including tuition differential, time of day classes are offered, taking a look at high cost programs, and moving away from a plateau.

Bill Fritz explained that Georgia Tech is lobbying to be considered the highest tuition institution within the System and that Georgia State University and the University of Georgia plan to counter that consideration.

Follow up to Retreat
Ron Henry discussed the need to look at programs of low viability. The University needs to focus on quality of faculty, students, and programs. Robert Moore pointed out that we need to continue to invest in programs that are well-known at the university.

Joan Carson made the comment that we need to explain what quality means when looking at programs. Fenwick Huss explained that the university needs to measure itself with other national institutions. Lauren Adamson mentioned that while the program review process is successful, a new model to measure program review may need to be considered. Dean Adamson stressed that given the budget climate, faculty and staff morale might be affected when programs are reviewed.

Class size minima - what are your current practices?
Provost Henry asked the deans to comment on the practices in their colleges. Minima are typically 15 for lower division classes; 10 for upper division and masters’ level classes; and 5 for some doctoral seminars or practica.

Any other business
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 27, 9:30-11:30 am, Golden Key Board Room, Student Center

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