Deans’ Group Minutes 9/15/04


Minutes of 8/25/04 were approved.

**Fall Enrollment**
Bill Fritz addressed the handout on the Overview of fall 2004 Enrollment. There will be a strong push to increase the quality of students enrolled. The freshmen index will be used to measure the quality.

**Budget**
Ron Henry addressed the handout on the budget. The Governor plans to stay with the previous decision to base the cut on personnel for state agencies. FACP plans to meet to look at strategies for this year and the future. The Board of Regents will meet in October and further budget information will be relayed to the universities.

Steve Kaminshine asked how the budget cuts might affect construction priorities. Ron Henry mentioned that $1.5 million has been set aside for the science research building and its planned use is for renovations in the Urban Life building this year.

Lauren Adamson raised concern on raises for next year. Ron Henry commented that the Chancellor has compared salaries to other S institutions and is concerned that the System institutions keep up with the salary ranges at these institutions.

Ron Henry explained that President Patton plans to send out a memo detailing previous reduction in force and the elimination of so positions. This memo will help to explain the impact of the budget cuts at Georgia State. Bill Fritz commented that positions have been eliminated in the Enrollment Services area.

Ron Henry advised that the university will continue to invest in programs and that it takes three years to phase out a program and even longer to see any monetary gains from doing so. Joan Carson commented that the Academic Program Reviews have been a way in which to make recommendations about programs.

**Policy on Pass/Fail Grades**
Ron Henry addressed the policy of issuing Ws. There is discussion at the Regent’s Office of limiting the total number of Ws by a student during undergraduate work. Discussion and comments followed. The policy will be reviewed by the Admissions and Standards Committee.

**Agenda for Retreat**
Ron Henry asked for agenda items for the retreat. The budget will be the main topic with discussion on long and short term solutions.

Ron Henry mentioned updating the Strategic Plan. Several groups will assist in the update – an Administrative Group, Academic Group, and Collegial Group. Each group will be notified of meeting dates and will meet once a month.

**Any other business**
Ron Henry presented two initiatives for interest. The American Council on Education Fellows Program with nominations due November 1. The Jefferson Science Fellows Program with nominations due October 1. Ron Henry asked the deans to respond with any nominative deadlines.

Roy Bahl asked the question about who pays the lawyers fees for a legal defense. Roy Bahl commented that his unit received an invoice for payment of legal fees during a recent defense. Ron Henry believes the University foundation pays for the defense.

Next meeting: Retreat scheduled for September 29 at Timber Ridge Conference Center.
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