Deans' Group Minutes 10/26/05

In Attendance: Lauren Adamson, Roy Bahl, Joan Carson, Ron Colarusso, Bill Fritz, Charlene Hurt, Fenwick Steve Kaminsshine, Susan Kelley, Robin Morris. Ron Henry, Chair

The minutes of October 12, 2005 were approved.

Update on Budget
Ron Henry reported that the university will face a 2% cut in the FY07 budget. The mid-year cut planned for th will be a one-time cut. Ron Henry mentioned that the university will be decreasing the budgets permanently fo since the university has a chronic budget deficit of $5-10 million. The Regent's tuition increase was not large e to absorb costs associated with loss of revenue from decreased credit hours. Ron Henry mentioned that the Uni System did not increase much on workload money for FY07. Lauren Adamson suggested adding data to show percentage of students who graduate to the enrollment handouts that Bill Fritz distributes at the meeting.

Ron Henry mentioned that part-time enrollment has dropped by 1,000 students. The competition from other Sy institutions such as Kennesaw State and Georgia Perimeter College has impacted enrollment due to cheaper co attend. Ron Henry added that discussions are underway on changing the fee structure for part-time students.

Update on Enrollment
Bill Fritz provided a handout on enrollment. Bill Fritz asked the colleges to help promote enrollment for gradu students in their college. Most of the graduate programs are not competitive nationally and attract mainly local international students. Joan Carson mentioned that it would be good to track the retention of our graduate stud-

There was concern among the deans of students changing their majors several times within a semester. The coi was made that students should receive advisement when they want to change their major. The comment was m that tracking students who have decided to leave the university would be useful. The information collected ma; reasons for leaving the institution such as cost, climate, or convenience.

Robin Morris commented that tracking retention by GPA coupled with the reason students have left the univer would be good data to analyze.

Graduate assistant waivers
Ron Henry mentioned that graduate assistant waivers attract students to the university. He pointed out that mandatory fees are not waived for graduate students thus creating a financial burden on some graduate student Bahl suggested that colleges be allocated a certain number of waivers for graduate assistantships and make the colleges accountable for how the money is spent. Lauren Adamson mentioned that different models of assistan could be given to accommodate the type of work a graduate student is performing.

Bill Fritz distributed a handout that explained the definition of the various student waiver codes. Ron Henry mentioned that there has been discussion on giving partial waivers to graduate students who are paid less than per semester instead of the current practice of a full waiver for an appointment at $900 or more per semester. S change would move the university to a research university model.

Scheduling of technology rooms
Bill Fritz distributed a handout on the procedures for technology room requests and academic classroom chang which included an example of the form faculty members use to complete their request for a high technology ro Bill Fritz mentioned that faculty have reported some technology classrooms appear vacant during class times. I mentioned that the rooms are reserved, but the faculty member may only meet in the room 2-3 times during the
semester. Bill added that some faculty request a high technology classroom, but may only be using PowerPoint probably does not need to be in a technology classroom. Roy Bahl mentioned that the colleges should be held accountable for rooms that are found to be vacant and not in use by the faculty member who requested it. There should be no occasional use of the technology rooms which could be used by another faculty member the entire semester. Bill Fritz mentioned that there are requests by the colleges for technology classrooms for campus events. He added that classroom use would take precedence over use of the rooms for events.

Steve Kaminshine mentioned that the College of Law will have high technology classrooms which may be used by other colleges. Steve will discuss the availability of these rooms with Bill Fritz.

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

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 2005, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Golden Key Board Room 2nd floor Student