Deans' Group Minutes 5/25/05


Minutes of April 27, 2005 were approved after modification to Ron Colarusso's comment on p. 2 under Gradu Admissions section.

GRA Funding
Robin Morris presented a handout on the RPE funding in the departments. Robin Morris gave a history of how funding for the research programs has been coordinated by the Research Office and proposed transferring the for the programs that have received at least nine years of consecutive support directly into the college budget lines. The deans discussed the proposal. The deans plan to discuss the proposed new process within their colleges and return to the Deans' Group for further discussions before any changes are made.

Enrollment & Budget Update
Ron Henry provided an update on summer enrollment. The credit hours are 103,000 which will probably exceed last year's enrollment. The budget process for FY07 has begun. The Office of Budget & Planning at the Regent's Office accelerated the budget process this year. The Chancellor did not have a chance to convene the System President's to discuss any Special Initiatives. Two suggestions for SFIs are “Double the Numbers, Double the Diversity” and replacement for ETACT funds. An RFP will be distributed from the Regent's Office to insurance companies to bids on the cost of health insurance for undergraduate and graduate students.

New Phone System
JL Albert presented a handout on the data and voice network upgrade. The upgrades to the current data and voice networks are needed in order to provide an infrastructure that supports the growth and prominence of research activity at Georgia State. The new system will accommodate multiple methods of faculty/student/staff interaction. JL and the deans discussed the changes that will occur with the new system. The network upgrades will be completed by the end of October 2005. The use of the new telephone system for the entire campus will start July 1, 2006. A new exchange number will have to be used so be cautious ordering new stationery, etc.

Post tenure review analysis
Ron Henry presented two handouts. A Post-Tenure Review Outcomes Survey from AAHE and a memo from the Regent's Office Reviewing Post-Tenure Review. Ron Henry requested the deans discuss the handout from the Regent's with their chairs to get their feedback on the post-tenure review process and report back to the Provost on their discussions. The Provost will respond to the Regent's by mid-November 2005.

Ron Henry mentioned that the Regent's Office is conducting a Comprehensive Program Review and an Analysis of Graduation Retention Rates. Ron Henry will be meeting with the Enrollment Management Committee in June to discuss enrollment issues and will report back to the Deans' Group on the outcome of their discussions.

Model TT/NTT
Ron Henry reported that he has had discussions with several people at the University of Georgia regarding their tenure process. Ron Henry mentioned that the promotion and tenure process for faculty at UGA is not based on traditional research in the Arts & Sciences. The process also accommodates teaching and learning. Ron Henry mentioned that he is considering using the same model at Georgia State. The deans discussed this new model. The comment was made that the faculty contract and workload expectations would need to outlined during the hiring process, as is the case for the UGA model.
Branding for the university - next steps
Ron Henry opened the discussion on the market perception and internal perception of what the university stands for. Some areas to highlight include excellence of faculty; our part-time enrollment; urban-ness; Areas of Focus. Ron Henry added that the university needs to test market areas we see as important and are striving to become. The Dean's Group discussed ways on how to market ourselves. Ron Henry will send the Deans' Group a list of factors important to Georgia State for comments.

Any other business
Ron Henry reported that two consultants from the Council of Graduate Schools will visit the university on June 9 and 10 to discuss ways to streamline our graduate areas. Ron Henry would like the consultants to meet with the Deans' Group during their visit. A meeting was scheduled for Friday, June 10.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: Friday, June 10, 2005, 9:30-11:30 am, Golden Key Board Room, Student Center.