Deans' Group Minutes 9/14/05

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

The minutes of August 24, 2005 were approved.

Update on Enrollment
Bill Fritz provided a handout on enrollment. The credit hours are up. The university has admitted about 600 Hurricane Katrina students. The Registrar's Office is using a special coding for the Katrina students in order to track them for reactivating their registration for spring semester. Bill Fritz mentioned that there are 1,410 at-risk students whose classes will be dropped for non-payment on September 16, 2005. The Registrar's Office staff will not be able to do a batch drop of these students, but will have to manually review each student's record individually. Bill Fritz added that this process is time-consuming, but the Banner system is not able to do batch drops. Ron Henry added that students may not have taken the notices of classes being dropped for non-payment seriously. There will need to be a change of culture by the students in the future.

Bill Fritz reviewed the handout on fall freshmen applications and fall transfer applicants. Bill Fritz mentioned that graduate enrollment is down. There have been some graduate enrollment increases in the Colleges of Health and Human Sciences and Law. Bill Fritz mentioned the draft spring 2006 registration calendar. Bill Fritz noted that the due date for tuition and fees would be on January 3, 2006. This date was chosen with the hope that most students would be returning to campus from spending the holiday break at home and would return with the money to pay for their classes.

Bill Fritz mentioned that a survey administered at Incept revealed that the academic reputation of Georgia State University was the number one reason applicants chose to attend the university. Bill Fritz added that the printed material being distributed to applicants will be reviewed to ensure a wide-range of areas on campus is featured. Further, rooms on campus will be spruced up for campus tours. The deans suggested adding the importance of campus life and cost to attend the university to the Incept survey. Also, surveying students who chose not to attend Georgia State was suggested.

IS&T Presentation
JL Albert provided a handout of the power point presentation. JL mentioned that the Information Technology Steering Group (ITSG) was formed with the support of Ron Henry to address issues within the university on technology. The mission of ITSG will insure IS&T is aligned with Georgia State's strategic initiatives, provide high-level project priorities, scheduling and resource allocation, set policy, and assist in funding institutional initiatives. Other handouts included in the presentation for discussion included an organizational chart for IS&T, a fiber optic map of the campus, list of the areas on campus supported by IS&T, looming major projects, and policy and security issues.

Discussion followed after the presentation by JL. Bill Fritz mentioned that other universities are way ahead of Georgia State in using the web to recruit students. JL Albert mentioned that the IS&T Experience Design Group (EDG) has 6 people that are dedicated to the design and support of the GSU homepage, and development of templates for colleges and departments. The EDG has also built and rolled out Admissions web pages. The EDG are not necessarily responsible for content, but rather the basic navigation and information organization of the web pages.

Fenwick Huss commented that the university needs to look closely at the technology future on campus and identify 3 or 4 accelerated areas to invest money in technology. Ron Henry added that strategies, incentives,
and support for technology will be reviewed to bring the university into a technology advanced campus.

JL Albert concluded that IS&T serves the administrative and academic areas on campus. IS&T would like to move out of the reactive mode and align itself more clearly within the university.

Any other business
Roy Bahl inquired on the budget. Ron Henry briefly mentioned that units should plan to set aside the same percentage of funds as last year. Ron Henry will know more about the budget numbers at the end of September.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 28, 2005 - All Day Retreat at Timber Ridge Conference Center, Mableton, GA