In Attendance: Lauren Adamson, J L Albert, Robert Moore, Irene Duhaime (in for Fenwick Huss), Steve Kaminshine, Joyce Many (in for Randy Kamphaus), Susan Kelley, Mary Finn, Tim Renick, Laura Burtle (in for Nancy Seamans), Robert Sattelmeyer, Ron Henry, Chair

Visitors: Mark Becker

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes of March 11, 2009 were approved.

President’s Update

President Mark Becker provided the members of Deans Group with budget-related legislative updates. First, he now expects the state appropriations portion of the university’s FY10 budget to incur an additional 5% cut, raising the anticipated cut to 17%. At the same time, however, he expects that the university will receive roughly the same amount of money as the 5% cut through stimulus funding during FY10 and FY11. He pointed out that stimulus money may have its own fund code, and its use will have to align with stimulus priorities.

Dr. Becker confirmed that the state legislature will conclude its FY10 budget planning meetings next week. He reminded the members of Deans Group of his plan to deliver his State of the University Address to the university community in the Student Center State Ballroom at the conclusion of the senate meeting on April 16, 2009.

Enrollment

Dr. Henry passed out fall 2009 undergraduate admissions data on behalf of Associate Provost Tim Renick. The average SAT score has dropped about four points since the previous snapshot, but this year’s average is still 16 points above what it was a year ago. He noted that Dr. Renick has added a metric to track the number of admitted students who have registered for freshman incept, which has proven to be a reliable indicator that these students will enroll.

Dr. Bob Sattelmeyer announced that the Office of Undergraduate Admissions is organizing a series of recruiting events for the month of April billed as “Honors and Faculty Fridays,” which will target high achieving high school students. The events will be college-specific and area-specific, in some cases. He mentioned that Scott Burke may be in contact with deans soon to ask for faculty participants.

Curriculum Vitae format

Dr. Henry moved to the discussion item on the proposed Georgia State University Curriculum Vitae (CV) format. He highlighted the differences between the proposed modified version and the original University System of Georgia version. In response to Dr. Henry’s request for feedback on the proposed version, a number of the Deans Group members argued against the requirement of a uniform CV format on the basis that CV standards vary by discipline. It was also pointed out and agreed upon that renaming the Intellectual Contributions heading to read “Scholarship and Professional Development” would be more inclusive and accurate. The members of Deans Group came to a consensus on the following general order of information, with the understanding that there is flexibility to accommodate varying discipline norms:

I. Education
Budget Update and discussion on cost cutting strategies

Dr. Henry passed out a newly revised version of his “Guidelines/Strategies for budget cuts in the colleges” policy draft. He indicated that the primary change is that the new draft specifies more completely the new minimums for class enrollments. There is also an additional statement regarding limits on summer instruction compensation, giving the colleges room for their own policies on compensation caps in cases where courses meet the prescribed enrollment minimums. In response to a question about workload credit for the teaching of courses under the minimums, Dr. Henry agreed to remain open to assigning partial workload credit to faculty teaching under-enrolled courses.

Dr. Henry stated his intention to adopt the “Guidelines/Strategies for budget cuts in the colleges” as policy at the next meeting of the Fiscal Advisory Committee to the President (FACP). Because the University System of Georgia will receive its budget on April 15, 2009, Dr. Henry predicted that it may be necessary to schedule additional FACP meetings on April 16, 2009, and April 17, 2009.

Next Meeting: April 15, 2009 9:30–11:30 a.m. in the Golden Key Board Room, 2nd floor, Student Center.