In Attendance: Lauren Adamson, J L Albert, Robert Moore, Fenwick Huss, Steve Kaminshine, Randy Kamphaus, Susan Kelley, Mary Finn, Tim Renick, Nancy Seamans, Robert Sattelmeyer, Ron Henry, Chair

Visitors: Mark Becker, Mary Frances Forcier

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of March 25, 2009 were approved.

President’s Update

President Becker announced the following:

1) The headlines from the Board of Regents (BOR) include: a) fixed for four plan will end this year, although the plan will continue for those currently on it; b) the plateau for full-time students has increased from 12 credit hours to 15 credit hours; c) the temporary fee is being continued for another year. The expectation is it will become a part of tuition. Details with other decisions made will follow shortly.

2) GSU will work to get the message out to current students. Academic advising and the availability of required courses are critical during this time period.

Presentation by Mary Frances Forcier

Mary Frances, Director of the Colonial Academic Alliance (headquartered in George Mason University), is visiting each of its members for 2-3 days to get a better understanding of the needs of each institution. The organization was developed in 2002 and its mission was to develop collaborative programs around six strategic areas: international programs, undergraduate research, assessment programs, university life, institutional advancement, and resource sharing. Goals for the following year include: expanding new opportunities, faculty/staff development, and creating an affiliate group for Deans in member institutions. Also looking to find ways to collaborate on distance education, grant opportunities, and study abroad for undergraduates.

Enrollment

Almost 14,000 students have enrolled for the summer semester. We have an increase of 500 students for the freshman class this fall semester. Processing in the financial aid office is more efficient. Students get to know their financial package and balance much sooner than they ever have before. There is a slight increase in transfer student enrollment, but it is expected to reach target. Quality is still showing good signs.

Budget Update and discussion on cost cutting strategies

The Provost is awaiting the actual budget report from the BOR, which is expected to be received by fax this afternoon. Also to be included in the allocation is money from the stimulus package, which administration official’s view as one time money. Each campus allocation will be faxed. The major difficulty will be dealing with the two-year money from the stimulus package, amounting to $11 million per year.
Next Meeting: April 29, 2009 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the Golden Key Board Room, 2nd floor, Student Center.