Senate Research Committee Organizational Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2012; 3:00 PM  
315 Dahlberg Hall  

Attendees: Amber Amari, Tim Bartness, Brenda Chapman, Sarah Cook, Don Edwards, Florian Enescu, Robert Harrison, Miles Irving, Jan Ivery, Suri Iyer, Beth Jones, Paul Katz, Mike Metzler, Jerry Rackcliffe, Don Reitzes, Ed Rigdon, Bill Robinson, Mary Ann Romski, Rose Sevcik (Chair), Mary Stuckey, Monica Swahn, P.C. Tai, William Walsh, Jim Weyhenmeyer, Leslie Wolf, and Eliz West  

Absentees: Pam Barr, Michael Decker, Monica Diaz, Dabney Dixon, Paul Gallimore, Steve Manson, Ike Okosun, Bala Ramesh, Renee Schatteman, Kris Varjas, Carol Winkler, and Yichuan Zhao  

Minutes: Rose Williams  

1. The September 17, 2012 minutes were approved.  

2. Jerry Rackcliffe reported on the updated budget and copies of several documents were distributed. He shared information on summer and fall semester enrollment. He also discussed with the committee a proposed expansion of the Science Park. Jerry shared a proposal to fund the next building using extant GSU resources in an effort to avoid assuming additional debt for this construction. His proposal would require units to temporarily loan the university monies. This project will create an estimated 500 jobs and $600,000 in state's income and sales taxes revenues annually. A motion was made to support this proposal and the research committee supported it unanimously.  

3. Mary Ann Romski presented the report of the joint (with the budget committee) ad hoc Doctoral Funding Committee. A draft document of the report was provided. The committee has reviewed the current funding models, appropriate benchmarks, and assistantship levels for GSU and state, peer and aspirational institutions. The committee also conducted a survey of GSU Department Chairs to obtain information about stipend levels and related funding issues. MaryAnn indicated that she would also present the report at the upcoming budget meeting and would share their feedback. Rose Sevcik indicated that we would continue discussion of this topic in the next meeting.  

4. Rose reported the GSURF board approved two key requests made from the Research Senate Committee. First, GSURF approved an “automatic” appointment of the Chair of the Research Senate Committee to the board. Second, the GSURF board approved an additional member who is from the Senate Research Committee. These two strategic points are effective immediately. Mary Ann then moved to elect an additional member to the board. Motion made and Senate approved Leslie Wolf to the GSURF board.  

The next meeting will be held on November 12 at 3:00 PM in 315 Dahlberg Hall