

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
Minutes of
December 5, 2012

Attendees: J.L. Albert, Paul Alberto, Mark Becker, Larry Berman, Rae Borden, Chandler Brown, Lynda Brown-Wright, Doug Covey, Michael Eriksen, Mary Finn, Laura Fredrick, Lynda Goodfellow, Don Hale, Kerry Heyward, DeAnna Hines, Fenwick Huss, Steve Kaminshine, Julie Kerlin, Cheryl Levick, Jun Liu, Bill Long, Peter Lyons, Walter Massey, Robert Moore, Robin Morris, Risa Palm, Jerry Rackliffe, Don Reitzes, Tim Renick, Sterling Roth, Nan Seamans, Rose Sevcik, Jowanna Tillman, Edgar Torbert, Kris Varjas, Jim Weyhenmeyer, Peggy Wilmoth

Dr. Palm introduced Ms. Borden, new staff member in the Provost Office.

Minutes of November 14, 2012, were approved as distributed.

Name Change for Women's Studies Institute

Dr. Long presented the proposed name change from the Women's Studies Institute to the Institute of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. The change would reflect more accurately the current and anticipated scope of research that is broader than women's studies. Benefits cited included greater attractiveness to student and faculty prospects, expanded external research support opportunities, and expanded fundraising opportunities. Arizona and Cincinnati have recently implemented similar name changes.

Dr. Long made a motion to change the name as stated above. Dr. Palm seconded the motion. The motion passed.

SACS 5-Year Interim Report

Dr. Lyons distributed a handout outlining the organizational structure, timeline, and committee charges for completion of the SACS 5-year interim report by the March 25, 2014 deadline for delivery to SACS. The 5-year review is virtual rather than having a site team visit. Areas for close attention include the CTW Quality Enhancement Plan, student learning outcomes, faculty qualifications, and distance education. The CTW QEP component must address what was done, what was learned, what changes were made to improve performance, etc.

Dr. Palm emphasized the importance of faculty awareness of the SACS 5-year review. Dr. Reitzes indicated the University Senate Executive Committee and the University Senate would have the 5-year review on their respective agendas for January 2013. Dr. Becker commented on the value of the SACS reviews to institutions with respect to being intentional in what is done to ensure performance goals are met.

Revised Student Code of Conduct

Dr. Covey distributed copies of the proposed, revised Student Code of Conduct. The revisions were characterized as changes in language rather than substantive and as streamlining to eliminate confusing redundancies in the current version. The revised document will be on the agenda of the January meeting of Administrative Council for its approval.

International Travel

Dr. Heyward commented on three areas relating to international travel in need of improvement: policy on travel to countries under State Department travel advisories; manual on export control (e.g., traveling with laptops); and tracking system for university travelers (faculty, staff, and students). Administrative Council will receive proposed policies, manuals, etc. for approval in coming months. Dr. Berman noted the advantage of having a single, emergency number for

travelers to call in case of an emergency as discovered on 9/11 with university personnel in NYC or Washington. Dr. Becker pointed to opportunities of amplifying efforts by being aware of others at GSU engaged in international activities in the same countries or regions.

Athletics

Ms. Levick distributed handouts concerning the national search and hiring of Trent Miles as the new head football coach. Mr. Miles has an excellent reputation as the builder of the football program at Indiana State, and he will bring four assistant coaches from that program with him. His immediate top tasks are to recruit the remainder of his staff as well as players for next season.

Ms. Levick highlighted the success of the women's basketball program under Sharon Baldwin-Tener. The women's team had a 5-1 start of the season.

President's Remarks

Dr. Becker reported on the Chancellor's USGa forum on economic development held at GSU on December 3, 2012. There were approximately 245 attendees representing higher education, government, and business in the State of Georgia. GSU received high marks for hosting the event and was featured prominently by the AJC in news coverage. The research universities were highlighted with the focus on how research contributes to economic development in the state.

Dr. Becker noted that the legislative session will kick off on January 14, 2013. Ms. Kerlin announced that Chip Rogers had resigned from the Senate, and that Senator Ronnie Chance would succeed in him in the majority leadership role. Dr. Becker pointed to key legislative items such as capital budget funds for the new College of Law building, USGa funding formula funding, Medicare/Medicaid state funding, ethics, and tax reform. Ms. Kerlin reminded that the reauthorization of carryforward funds would again be up for approval.

Dr. Becker called attention to the PhD hooding ceremony on December 7, 2012, at the Rialto with 102 doctoral graduates and the fall commencement ceremony on December 18, 2012, at the Georgia Dome with Governor Deal as commencement speaker.

Announcement

Ms. Hines announced the campus holiday party on December 6, 2012, in the Student Center atrium.