

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
Minutes of
June 6, 2012

Attendees: J.L. Albert, Paul Alberto, Mark Becker, Larry Berman, Chandler Brown, Doug Covey, Michael Eriksen, Laura Fredrick, Linda Goodfellow, Kerry Heyward, Fenwick Huss, Andrea Jones, Steve Kaminshine, Randy Kamphaus, Marcus Kernizan, Tom Lewis, Jun Liu, Peter Lyons, Walter Massey, Pearl McHaney, Robin Morris, Jerry Rackliffe, Tim Renick, Sterling Roth, Nan Seamans, Rose Sevcik, Jowanna Tillman, Edgar Torbert, Mary Beth Walker, James Weyhenmeyer

Minutes of April 4, 2012, were approved as distributed.

Financial Disclosures in Sponsored Research Policy

Dr. Weyhenmeyer presented the "Financial Disclosures in Sponsored Research Policy" for approval by Administrative Council. The new policy addresses sponsored research only and incorporates new federal regulations, language, etc. The effective date of the new policy will be August 1, 2012, in advance of the federal deadline of August 24, 2012.

Dr. Kaminshine made a motion to approve the new policy. Dr. Rackliffe seconded the motion.

Dr. Heyward commented that the University Senate Committee on Research and the University Senate passed the new policy in Fall 2011. Dr. Kaminshine asked about the relationship of the new policy to the existing Individual Conflict of Commitment and Conflict of Interest Policy. Dr. Weyhenmeyer stated that the new policy would supersede the Individual COC/COI Policy. Dr. Becker asked that the Individual COC/COI Policy be revisited for the purpose of making it consistent. Dr. Heyward remarked that the Individual COC/COI Policy deals with general conflicts of interest. Dr. Kaminshine asked about possible disagreements between the Institutional Review Board and conflict of interest policies. Dr. Weyhenmeyer replied that IRB supersedes with its more stringent requirements. Dr. Eriksen asked about how principal investigators would know if someone else on a grant had completed the required disclosure forms. Dr. Weyhenmeyer responded that the Office of Sponsored Programs would maintain records of the disclosure forms.

The motion to approve the Financial Disclosures in Sponsored Research Policy passed.

Commencement

Dr. Becker announced there will be a fall commencement in the Georgia Dome on Tuesday, December 18, 2012. The large attendance at the spring commencement even without the fall graduates, the anticipated length of a procession with both fall and spring graduates, along with requests from students to reconsider the single, combined commencement, led to the decision to continue holding fall commencements. The midweek date is dictated by heavy scheduling of the Georgia Dome on weekends in December.

Enrollment & Admissions Reports

Dr. Renick distributed enrollment and admissions reports for Summer 2012 and Fall 2012.

Summer enrollments were down 800 students and 6,000 credit hours. Changes in Pell Grant rules likely accounted for much of the enrollment decline. Students are now allowed Pell Grants in only two semesters per year, with the year starting fall semester for this purpose. [New freshmen can receive Pell Grants in the summer because they did not attend a previous semester during that year, and still be eligible for Pell Grants in the fall and spring semesters of their first full year.]

Summer enrollments are down at other USG institutions and across the nation because of this change.

Freshman applications for Fall Semester 2012 were slightly down year-to-date from the previous year, but acceptances and confirmations were ahead. The Fall Semester 2012 new freshman numbers do not include those in the Summer Success Academy, which serves as a bridge for at-risk freshmen. Graduate admissions were lagging. Yield rates for graduate admissions have gone down three consecutive years. College of Law has been more aggressive in admitting a larger number of students to offset the yield rate challenge.

Dr. Huss asked about the performance requirements of the Summer Success Academy. Dr. Renick replied that students must pass in order to continue at GSU, and those who do not pass are encouraged to enroll at GPC. Dr. Huss commented that a similar program might work for borderline graduate school applicants. Dr. Kaminshine clarified that the College of Law was not accepting students of lesser quality by going deeper on its list of applicants. He noted that law schools nationally were facing enrollment challenges. Dr. Renick suggested that he and Mr. Burke could meet with the Graduate Council to discuss strategies for improving yield rates.

Copyright Case

Dr. Heyward commented on the favorable, 350-page decision rendered by Judge Evans in the copyright case filed against GSU. Follow-up actions were already underway with outside counsel to prepare responses to injunctions sought by the plaintiffs. Dr. Becker asked that faculty be provided updated guidance regarding use of copyrighted materials prior to the start of Fall Semester 2012. Dr. Morris recommended that information be sent to department chairs for dissemination at Fall Semester 2012 department meetings. Dr. Seamans indicated that very few faculty members had exceeded the 10% limit stated in the decision.

Legislative Update

Mr. Lewis reported Governor Deal signed all 518 measures passed by the legislature into law, including \$1.8 billion for the University System for FY2013. Mr. Lewis noted that qualifying for elections ended May 25, 2012, and that at least 22 new House members and 2 new Senate members would be elected due to redistricting, retirements, etc. He added that 19 GSU alumni were running for positions in the House or Senate, with only 4 having opponents. Mr. Lewis reported that he and Dr. Becker continued to work on the issue of raises for faculty and staff for FY2014.

President's Remarks

Dr. Becker reported on the May 2012 meeting of the Board of Regents concerning the uncoupling of the USG research universities for tuition rates in favor of a market-based strategy.

Dr. Becker reported on the pending purchase of the Atlanta Life Building on Auburn Avenue, which will house the Welcome Center, Honors College, and other units to be named later.

Dr. Becker announced that the State of the University address would be delivered during the Fall Semester 2012.

Dr. Becker commented on the future of the Atlanta Regional Commission on Higher Education as efforts are underway to enhance the impact of the Atlanta regional higher education on economic development, etc. The library loan and cross-registration programs will continue through the transition.

Announcements

Dr. Rackliffe announced that temporary banners will be displayed on the SunTrust Building in order to test signage concepts for the building. The parking deck will be known as T Deck.