

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
Minutes of
October 3, 2012

Attendees: Paul Alberto, Mark Becker, Larry Berman, Lynda Brown-Wright, Doug Covey, Michael Eriksen, Mary Finn, Lynda Goodfellow, Don Hale, Kerry Heyward, DeAnna Hines, Fenwick Huss, Steve Kaminshine, Julie Kerlin, Marcus Kernizan, Cheryl Levick, Tom Lewis, Jun Liu, Caroline Lombard, Bill Long, Peter Lyons, Walter Massey, Robin Morris, Risa Palm, Jerry Rackliffe, Don Reitzes, Tim Renick, Sterling Roth, Nan Seamans, Rose Sevcik, Andrea Thornton, Jowanna Tillman, Edgar Torbert, Kris Varjas, Mary Beth Walker, Peggy Wilmoth

Minutes of September 5, 2012, were approved as distributed.

Dr. Becker welcomed Mr. Hale. The minutes of September 5, 2012, were approved.

Policy on Institutional Financial Interests in Research Involving Human Subjects

Dr. Heyward presented on behalf of Dr. Weyhenmeyer the proposed GSU Policy on Institutional Financial Interests in Research Involving Human Subjects. The policy will fulfill an accreditation requirement concerning institutional and key individual conflicts of interest, limited to research involving human subjects. The motion to approve (with one typo correction) passed.

Enrollment Update

Dr. Renick reported pre-census enrollment figures for Fall Semester 2012 of 32,061 students and 391,000 credit hours. Undergraduate enrollments were up, but graduate enrollments were again down. HOPE freshmen and continuing students were up 8% and 14% respectively. Other increases were noted for Pell Grant students, Zell Miller Scholarship students, institutional scholarships and institutional grants.

Dr. Renick announced that upcoming announcements of retention and graduation rates after census would be good news. Six-year graduation rates will exceed 50% for the first time.

Budget Update

Dr. Rackliffe reminded that the increase in Fall Semester 2012 credit hours to 391,000 was still short of the budgeted credit hours of 394,000 credit hours. The exact revenue impact was not yet determined because of the undetermined mix of in-state/out-of-state and paid/unpaid credit hours, but the estimated impact was \$1.5 million. The revenues for Summer Semester 2012 credit hours were under budget by \$1.8 million, so that the total impact thus far in FY2013 was in the range of \$3.3 million. Aggressive Spring Semester enrollment efforts will likely keep the overall revenue impact within the cushion afforded by budget cuts enacted in August 2012. The more concerning situation is the impact on the FY2014 original budget, if the initiatives in each college to boost graduate enrollments do not produce. Dr. Rackliffe applauded Student Housing for accomplishing an increase in residential students from 3,000 to 4,100 in three years. Dr. Becker added that initiatives are now underway in China to recruit students to help meet GSU tuition revenue goals.

Legislative Update

Mr. Lewis and Ms. Kerlin reported on election and legislative matters affecting GSU. A constitutional amendment on the November 2012 ballot that would allow multi-year leases for the University System of Georgia is particularly favorable to GSU given current dependence on leased properties and the cost savings possible with multi-year leases. Carry-forward legislation due for renewal in the upcoming legislative session will be crucial for management of non-appropriation/non-tuition dollars that are now accumulated year-to-year for purchases not doable

with one-year funding. Efforts continue to solidify support in the amount of \$58 million for the GSU College of Law Building at the top of the USG capital projects list. The \$300 million-to-\$500 million impact of the federal hospital provider tax on the state budget remains a major concern for the FY2014 state budget.

Capital Campaign

Mr. Massey reported \$12.5 million raised year to date. The capital campaign consultants are advising the Development Office regarding the volunteer structure for the campaign, a communication plan, brochures, etc. Committees are forming to concentrate on gifts of \$1 million and above, gifts of \$100,000 to \$999,999, and gifts of \$25,000 to \$99,999. An all-alumni drive will conclude the campaign.

President's Remarks

Dr. Becker outlined his State of the University speech and commented on the primary topics of the University System of Georgia presidents meeting.