

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
Minutes of
November 14, 2012

Attendees: Paul Alberto, Mark Becker, Lynda Brown-Wright, Doug Covey, Michael Eriksen, Laura Fredrick, Kerry Heyward, Chip Hill, DeAnna Hines, Fenwick Huss, Steve Kaminshine, Cheryl Levick, Tom Lewis, Jun Liu, Bill Long, Peter Lyons, Walter Massey, Robert Moore, Robin Morris, Risa Palm, Jerry Rackliffe, Tim Renick, Sterling Roth, Rose Sevcik, Karen Simmons, Tammy Sugarman, Jowanna Tillman, Edgar Torbert, Kris Varjas, Peggy Wilmoth

Minutes of October 3, 2012, were approved as distributed.

Dr. Covey reported a former GSU student was the victim of a homicide on Ponce de Leon Avenue.

GSU Centennial

Ms. Hines distributed a calendar of GSU Centennial events during January, 2013, and highlighted three events: the men's basketball game on January 12, the Centennial Carnival on January 16, and the Centennial Kickoff Reception on January 24. Dr. Reitzes is chairing the Centennial speaker series committee. Units interested in taking advantage of volume pricing for Centennial giveaway items should contact Colleen Geary.

VP Research & Economic Development Update

Dr. Weyhenmeyer reported on (1) the Dell IT Simplification Assessment, (2) the research infrastructure study, and (3) first quarter FY2013 sponsored funding.

Dr. Weyhenmeyer distributed an executive summary of the Dell report. The entire 300+ page report is available for interested members of Administrative Council. The report called for streamlining of IS&T to focus on fewer core services. Annual cost savings up to \$1 million might be realized in the first year and up to \$11 million over 5 years.

Dr. Weyhenmeyer reported that the research infrastructure study committee had convened in May, 2012 and released its recommendations in August, 2012. The recommendations called for redesigning mechanisms to facilitate scaling up research support as the research portfolio grows. The existing mechanisms do not allow for the scale-up that will be needed. A consultant will be hired to model the recommendations toward implementation in the first quarter of the coming year.

Dr. Weyhenmeyer distributed a spreadsheet showing first quarter FY2013 sponsored funding by college and department along with first quarter comparisons for the previous three years. Overall funding was up from FY2012 to FY2013, but short of the 10% goal for the increase. An addendum showing funding through October 31, 2012, showed that the 10% increase goal had been met for a first quarter-plus-one-month comparison of FY2012 to FY2013. Historically the most productive period is May 15 to June 15.

Enrollment/Admissions Update

Dr. Renick noted national recognition of the multi-year graduation rate increases achieved by GSU.

Dr. Renick distributed enrollment and admissions reports for Spring Semester 2013 and Fall Semester 2013. Freshmen confirmations for Spring Semester 2013 were down 71% largely due to the change in strategy from deferred admissions to the Summer Success Academy this year. Freshmen applications for Fall Semester 2013 continue to run ahead of last year with an 18%

increase to date. More visits to high schools and advance contacts with 10th and 11th graders were identified as key factors for the additional applications for Fall Semester 2013.

Board of Regents Real Estate Committee Update

Dr. Rackliffe announced approval by the Board of Regents Real Estate Committee to proceed with renovations of the Atlanta Life Building for occupancy next summer or fall. The planned expansion of the Science Park using indirect cost recovery dollars was also granted information item status for the Board of Regents. The indirect cost recovery approach was the key to approval because of reluctance to pursue public-private ventures linked to their impact on state bond ratings.

Elections

Mr. Lewis commented on the November 6, 2012 elections. Of special importance to GSU, the amendment to the state constitution to permit multi-year leases passed. The Republican majority in the State Senate reached a super majority with 2/3 of the members now Republicans. The Republican majority in the State House of Representatives was within one member of a super majority, with the possibility of one independent realigning to attain the super majority. Dr. Becker commented on the presidential election with respect to the accuracy of polling and highly targeted campaign strategies based on more sophisticated statistical models.

Presidential Remarks

Dr. Becker reported on the APLU meeting in Denver November 11-13. The major topic was college completion. Other topics included export issues for intellectual property, travel abroad to destinations for which the US State Department has issued warnings, and development of on-line degree programs.

Announcements

Dr. Palm announced promotion of Dr. Renick to Vice Provost.

Dr. Palm announced a presentation by Dr. Jack Kasarda on "Aerotropolis" on November 16, 2012.