

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
Minutes of
September 4, 2013

Attendees: Paul Alberto, Pam Barr, Mark Becker, Chandler Brown, Lynda Brown-Wright, Chris Connelly, Sarah Cook, Michael Eriksen, Laura Fredrick, Lynda Goodfellow, Don Hale, Kerry Heyward, Steve Kaminshine, Julie Kerlin, Cheryl Levick, Tom Lewis, Jun Liu, Walter Massey, Risa Palm, Bharath Parthasarathy, Don Reitzes, Tim Renick, MaryAnn Ronski, Sterling Roth, Rose Sevcik, Tammy Sugarman, Edgar Torbert, Mary Beth Walker, James Weyhenmeyer, Andrew Whyte, Peggy Wilmoth

The minutes of August 7, 2013, were approved as distributed.

Senate Report

Dr. Reitzes presented an overview of Senate committee business for Fall Semester 2013. Two of five ad hoc committees formed in 2012 have completed their work, and the other three are moving toward completion of their tasks this year.

The ad hoc committee on academic program review will be recommending a streamlined process spanning eighteen months instead of three years with data collection handled by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness instead of the units with programs under review. The ad hoc committee on a promotion manual for non-tenure track faculty will be recommending university-wide, non-tenure track, faculty title definitions, including a third rank for lecturers, to bring consistency among the colleges. The ad hoc committee on administration of graduate programs will report its actions, including the establishment of the associate provost for graduate programs position for which a search is already underway.

Other mentions of Senate standing committee business included: the budget committee addressing a hybrid (TRS/ORP) retirement plan, graduate student mandatory fees, and a graduate enrollment funding model; the library committee addressing extension of the library transformation fee in order to fund additional hours of operation; the research committee addressing travel to countries with US State Department travel warnings; and the sustainability committee developing 5 and 10-year strategic plans for sustainability.

Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Strategic Plan

Dr. Walker presented an overview of the new Andrew Young School of Policy Studies strategic plan developed upon review of the 2002-2007 plan and disciplinary trends and in consultation with stakeholders, faculty, and staff. The goals of the new plan were aligned with the University Strategic Plan. The goals included (1) development and preparation of leaders in the public, nonprofit, and private sectors through excellent teaching; (2) expansion of global recognition for innovative, interdisciplinary research bridging scholarship and practice; (3) raising global profile through public and alumni relations and hosting signature summit; and (4) expansion of funding and administrative support for research and academic excellence.

Institute of Public Health to School of Public Health Transition

Dr. Eriksen announced that the Council on Education for Public Health had accepted the application to pursue CEPH accreditation from the Institute of Public Health. CEPH requires acceptance of an application to pursue accreditation prior to an institute of public health using the name, school of public health. Dr. Palm made a motion to approve the GSU name change from Institute of Public Health to School of Public Health. Dr. Eriksen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Enrollment

Dr. Renick reported preliminary enrollment figures for Fall Semester 2013 showing record numbers of new freshmen (over 3,300), students overall (over 32,200), credit hours (over 396,000), and Freshmen Learning Community students (over 2,100). Graduate student enrollments increased slightly to halt the recent year-to-year decline in those numbers. FLC participation reached the 70% goal for the program in part due to a new "opt-out" approach rather than the "opt-in" approach of prior years. The increases in headcounts were primarily for African-American, Hispanic, and Asian students, with record enrollments for each of those groups. International student enrollments were most numerous from China, India, South Korea, Vietnam, Jamaica, and Canada. Out-of-state student enrollments were most numerous for Florida, New York, Alabama, Texas, California, and North Carolina.

Dr. Becker commented that Texas was a major source of students leaving their home state to attend universities because of highly selective admissions at University of Texas and Texas A&M. Dr. Renick noted the differential between in-state tuition and out-of-state tuition in Georgia was more extreme than most other southern states, which was a challenge for out-of-state recruitment of students. Dr. Ronski asked about the trend in the percentage of graduate students comprising the student body. Dr. Renick responded that the percentage had dropped from 26% to 23% in three years.

President's Remarks

Dr. Becker commented on the opening of Welcome Center at 100 Auburn Avenue and the development of new recruiting materials to leverage the urban campus location.

Groundbreaking for the new College of Law building will be September 12, 2013.

An "all-boards" retreat will be held September 20, 2013.