

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
Minutes of
November 13, 2013

Attendees: Paul Alberto, Pam Barr, Mark Becker, Larry Berman, Chandler Brown, Lynda Brown-Wright, Laura Burtle, Doug Covey, Michael Eriksen, Laura Fredrick, Lynda Goodfellow, Don Hale, Kerry Heyward, Fenwick Huss, Cheryl Jester-George, Steve Kaminshine, Cheryl Levick, Peter Lyons, Pearl McHaney, Risa Palm, Jerry Rackliffe, Tim Renick, Sterling Roth, Andrea Thornton, Edgar Torbert, Mary Beth Walker, James Weyhenmeyer, Andrew Whyte, Peggy Wilmoth

The minutes of October 23, 2013, were approved as distributed.

College of Education Strategic Plan

Dr. Alberto presented an overview of the College of Education strategic plan with four primary goal areas: (1) teacher education; (2) humans service professional education; (3) public urban research; and (4) urban outreach. Among the highlights were the goal to produce 500 new teachers per year; the use of doctoral student advisors to recruit graduate students; the goal to increase the number and amounts of scholarships; the development of a JuneMester in the manner of Maymester to fit the summer break for school teachers seeking courses; the development of master's degree programs not tied to teacher/administrator certification; the development of master degree program in arts teaching in conjunction with the Woodruff Arts Center, Atlanta Children's Museum, etc.; the launching a public relations plan for graduate programs; the further integration of learning technologies in program delivery; the development of interdisciplinary programs for non-teachers in such areas as biomechanics and disabilities; the planting of research interest groups as seeds for future research centers; the publication of the new "Research & Innovation"; the establishment of a city engagement office of continuing education; and expansion of international partnerships in China, Turkey and South Africa.

Name Change for Department of Educational Psychology & Special Education

Dr. Alberto presented the proposed name change from Department of Educational Psychology & Special Education to Department of Educational Psychology, Special Education & Communication Disorders. Dr. Palm made a motion, and Dr. Walker seconded the motion, to proceed with name change. The motion passed.

Enrollment Report

Dr. Renick announced 22,500 students had registered for Spring Semester 2014 in the first two weeks of registration. Early action new freshmen for Fall Semester 2014 were up 600 year-to-date. The new Welcome Center and Honors College were cited as major reasons for the sharp rise in early action freshmen.

Budget Report

Dr. Rackliffe explained the sudden rise in natural gas charges was due to new pipeline charges imposed by Atlanta Gas Light based on a one-time snapshot of gas use during a cold period in March 2013.

President's Remarks

Dr. Becker announced the affinity license plate ID format will change with a 3-letter designation rather than the current "ST" for the GSU plates.

Dr. Becker announced GSU had achieved its best ever graduation rate for athletes as reported by the NCAA and the highest among the members of the Sun Belt Conference.

Dr. Becker announced GSU had been selected as the recipient of the first APLU Most Visible Progress Trailblazer Award over the other finalist, University of Minnesota.

Dr. Becker announced GSU along with Kennesaw State, Columbus State, Mercer, and Piedmont had been awarded a grant from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation through the Woodruff Foundation for a teaching fellows program to increase the number of science teachers with graduate degrees.

Dr. Becker announced the Coca-Cola Foundation had funded a leadership program to bring women from Sub-Saharan nations to GSU for a summer program run by the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.

Dr. Becker reported the Board of Regents was investigating a public-private housing initiative that would transfer ownership of select student housing facilities in the USGa to a private entity through an RFP process with the institutions to retain current operating roles for student housing. Security and protection from skyrocketing housing charges would be assured, if the plan were implemented.

Dr. Palm reported 2CI hiring for the current cycle was proceeding well with some terrific hires targeted. The next and last cycle will launch shortly with the deans to identify new, big-idea themes and the selection process to work as in previous cycles.

Dr. Becker announced that Dr. Palm had been elected to the APLU board of directors as the representative of urban research universities.