Dr. Becker recognized new Administrative Council members: Drs. Armistead, Paratharathy, and Phillips.

The minutes of May 7, 2014, were approved as distributed.

School of Public Health

Dr. Eriksen presented an overview of the School of Public Health noting the GSU school is the newest and smallest of 51 schools of public health nationwide. SPH has two of the four National Institutes of Health center grants at GSU. State funding of $5M for SPH is more than doubly matched by grant funding of $11.7M. Comparisons with the other 50 schools of public health show GSU ranked among the lowest in enrollment and number of faculty, but ranked in the top third in productivity by grant dollars per faculty member and first in Georgia.

Dr. Eriksen outlined the development of SPH with the first step of gaining program accreditation through 2019, the intermediate step of approval for accreditation candidacy and use of the SPH nomenclature, and finally the next step for accreditation of SPH as a school. Accreditation of SPH is the #1 goal. Development of undergraduate public health course or degree offerings and a doctor of public health degree program are the #2 goal. Development of executive on-line education offerings is the #3 goal.

Sexual Misconduct Policy

Drs. Covey and Heyward presented revisions of the Sexual Misconduct Policy incorporating changes in federal regulations and clarifying language about the distinct role of the Title IX coordinator versus the athletics Title IX officer. Mandatory on-line training for students will be accomplished through the Haven software product in conjunction with registration. Mandatory faculty and staff training will be announced. Dr. Palm made a motion to accept the revised policy has presented. Dr. Renick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Enrollment Report

Dr. Renick presented enrollment figures for Fall Semester 2014 showing headcounts and credit hours higher year-to-date for registered students. Freshmen and transfers confirmed, freshmen and transfers enrolled, and freshmen in Freshman Learning Communities were all up as well. New freshman enrollments were estimated to be 3,300, a GSU record. The increases were attributed in part to improved admission processes, the revamped campus tour, and the new Welcome Center.

Dr. Renick stated that the inclusion of GSU in the membership of The Common Application effective 2014-2015 for Fall Semester 2015 admission would likely induce another increase in the number of applications. Both UGA and Georgia Tech experienced 30% increases in applications in their first years of participation.
Dr. Renick encouraged attendance at Freshman Convocation with Congressman John Lewis as the speaker and author of the First Year Book selection for 2014.

Legislative Report

Ms. Kerlin reported on the runoff elections and the upcoming general election, which will include a ballot item pertaining to Public-Private Partnerships (P3) for student housing projects.

President’s Remarks

President Becker commented on the implications of the P3 proposal for increasing number of GSU students living on campus by 700-1,000 in the next two years.

President Becker pointed out that fund-raising and research had produced outstanding fiscal years, with research grants topping $80M for the first time.

President Becker announced that GSU would be one of 11 institutions in a new alliance to focus on graduating historically high risk students that would be launched in Washington, DC in September, 2014. GSU has been widely recognized as a national leader in this regard with the opportunity to be the lead institution in the First in the World initiative sponsored by the White House.

President Becker reported the athletic director search was proceeding swiftly with the goal of hiring the new athletic director during August 2014. Mr. Parthasarathy distributed information about free faculty and staff tickets and reduced price companion tickets for the first 2014 football game on August 27, 2014.

Mr. Massey announced closing on 55 Park Place with the Board of Regents approved purchase from the GSU Foundation.