

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
Minutes of
February 1, 2012

Attendees: J.L. Albert, Paul Alberto, Mark Becker, Larry Berman, Chandler Brown, Doug Covey, Michael Eriksen, Kerry Heyward, Lynda Goodfellow, DeAnna Hines, Fenwick Huss, Andrea Jones, Steve Kaminshine, Randy Kamphaus, Julie Kerlin, Cheryl Levick, Jun Liu, William Long, Peter Lyons, Walter Massey, Robin Morris, Risa Palm, Jerry Rackliffe, Tim Renick, Sterling Roth, Nan Seamans, Rose Sevcik, Jowanna Tillman, Edgar Torbert, Kris Varjas, Mary Beth Walker, Margaret Wilmoth

Minutes of January 4, 2012, were approved as distributed.

New Member

Dr. Alberto introduced new Senate Executive Committee member, Dr. Varjas.

Non-Endowed and Limited Term Professorships

Dr. Palm outlined the major points of a draft document, "Awarding Titles for Non-Endowed & Limited-Term Professorships", distributed to the Administrative Council membership prior to the meeting. Dr. Palm called attention to the eligibility requirements for Regents' Professorships and Distinguished University Professorships stated in the document and the salary supplements to be provided by the GSU Research Foundation. Dr. Palm noted the role of the new Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs in the review process.

Centennial Planning

Ms. Hines announced that GSU centennial celebrations would start January 1, 2013. Ms. Hines reported the establishment of a planning committee to streamline efforts with Ms. Geary serving as coordinator. Ms. Hines indicated that annual major events in the colleges, schools, etc. would be linked to the centennial celebration.

Spring Semester 2012 Enrollment

Dr. Renick reported record headcounts and credit hours for Spring Semester 2012. He noted that the percentage share between undergraduates and graduate students was shifting in the direction of undergraduates and that the overall enrollment growth rate was slowing. Dr. Renick attributed leveling of growth to cuts in the HOPE awards and increases in costs not met by financial aid packages. Dr. Renick pointed to many students having to work multiple jobs totaling more than 20 hours per week and the severity of drops for non-payment for Spring Semester 2012. He also noted the impact on student numbers as graduation rates increase, but also the increase in the number of students classified as seniors because of the 127 credit hour limit for HOPE awards and 160 credit hour limit for federal financial aid programs. Dr. Renick pointed out that many of the students crossing the credit hour limits were transfers who changed majors after enrolling at GSU.

Legislative Update

Mr. Lewis and Ms. Kerlin reported on developments in the legislature, including immigration and gun laws. Mr. Lewis expressed optimism that the legislature would appropriate enrollment growth dollars for the University System for FY2013 as requested by Governor Deal. Ms. Kerlin encouraged attendance by Administrative Council members at the annual GSU Day at the Capitol. Mr. Lewis also noted a memorial resolution for Fred Hines.

President's Remarks

Dr. Becker presented an executive summary of progress to date on the University Strategic Plan and a To-Do list for the next year.

Among many progress items cited were: established Office of Scholarships and Fellowships; started the Honors College; recruited 2CI faculty; established first university research center; revised P&T manual; launched Distinguished Visiting Professor program; involved over 100 faculty in Council for Progress of Cities; initiated VisWall cities mapping project; upgraded Office of International Initiatives; established emerging countries task force; increased number of Fulbright Scholars.

Among To-Do items cited were: fix academic advisement; obtain software to help advisers identify issues early with choice of major, etc.; develop infrastructure such as Welcome Center, Student Success Center; utilize BIS degree program to jumpstart new programs, tracks, etc.; increase scholarship funds; develop signature experience programs; explore financial literacy requirement; accelerate hiring of 2CI faculty or redirect; address quality and number of graduate students; identify currently non-existing inter-disciplinary programs that the world will need in the future and connect them to competitive advantages of Atlanta; ramp up research administrative support; address digital infrastructure needs; increase intellectual property deals; start second university research center; work toward making Council for Progress of Cities a center; develop urban science focus; create GSU International Center; recruit more international students; develop advanced study certificate programs with external entities.

Announcements

Dr. Rackliffe announced a change in the Winter Break holidays for FY2013 to December 22, 2012 through January 5, 2013 that will coincide with most metro area public school holidays and reduce the mandatory vacation days for 12-month employees from 5 to 4.

Mr. Lewis stressed the need for faculty and staff contacting legislators to coordinate with the Office of Government & Community Affairs in order to avoid violations of the lobbying reporting law that are subject to fines.

Dr. Morris announced Paul Courant of the University of Michigan would speak on campus on February 22, 2012, concerning the future of university libraries.

Ms. Levick announced the National Football Signing Day event at the GSU football facility on MLK Boulevard on February 1, 2012.

Ms. Hines announced a new GSU license plate option available from DMV with \$10 of the fee going to GSU Alumni Association scholarships.

Mr. Brown announced the call for applications for the 1913 Society.