ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
Minutes of
December 2, 2014


Approval of Minutes

The minutes of October 8, 2014, were approved.

Middle East Center

Dr. Long presented a recommendation from the College of Arts and Sciences to change the Middle East Institute (MEI) to the Middle East Center (MEC). MEC will be within the Global Studies Institute and the language programs in MEI will relocate to the Department of Modern and Classical Languages.

Dr. Walker made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Dr. Eriksen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

College of Education and Human Development

Dr. Alberto presented a recommendation from the College of Education to change the name of the college to College of Education and Human Development. The new name will reflect existing and future human development programs, which are in addition to the traditional teacher preparation role of the college. A number of universities across the nation have adopted this nomenclature for colleges of education, including Minnesota and Vanderbilt.

Dr. Walker made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Dr. Eriksen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Department of Early Childhood and Elementary Education

Dr. Alberto presented a recommendation from the College of Education to change the name of the Department of Early Childhood Education to the Department of Early Childhood and Elementary Education. The current name suggests a pre-K and younger range of programs only.

Dr. Kaminshine made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Dr. Eriksen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Enrollment Report

Dr. Becker reported that the initial year response to the Common Application for Georgia State had been very favorable with a 30% increase in freshmen applications year-to-date. This increase falls in line with the 27% increase on average for other institutions in their first year of participation.

Legislative Report

Ms. Kerlin reported the state legislature will convene January 12, 2015. The major item for Georgia State will be $4.9M for expansion of Classroom South, primarily teaching labs for the sciences, which were identified as the top space need during the most recent campus master
plan process. Georgia State will have 20 student interns in the Capitol during this session. Dr. Becker noted transportation will be a major issue during this session as the legislature decides how to proceed with the backlog of projects on hold after the failure to pass of the last T-SPLOST initiative.

**President’s Remarks**

Dr. Becker announced the Board of Regents had selected Corvias Campus Living as the campus-housing partner for the public-private partnership (P3) initiative. Corvias had begun to meet with potential funders of campus-housing projects. The next Georgia State project will be an 1,100-bed complex on the corner of Piedmont and John Wesley Dobbs with groundbreaking in April 2015 and occupancy no later than August 2016.

The GSU Marching Band performed in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade in New York City. The band effectively used social media to raise funds for the trip and to promote the band in general. Casey Cooper, a drummer in the band, has established a huge following on the Internet.

Groundbreaking for Phase II of the Science Park occurred December 1, 2014. Completion is anticipated in later 2015 and occupancy in early 2016. The Board of Regents approved the expansion of the project to complete the originally envisioned facility.

The Woodruff Foundation has funded the establishment of a media production center in the low-rise building of 25 Park Place through a gift of $22.8M.

**Announcements**

Dr. Palm announced two candidates for Dean of the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions would be on campus the week of December 8-12, 2014.

Dr. Morris reported on development of student entrepreneurship programs, including a CURVE-based series on how to start a business, a minor in entrepreneurship connectible to many majors across Georgia State, a Freshman Learning Community focusing on entrepreneurship, and incubator space and resources for student-entrepreneurs. Dr. Long noted possibilities for collaboration with the Microsoft groups in the Flatiron Building.

Dr. Kaminshine announced the new College of Law Building was approximately 30 days behind schedule because of the worldwide shortage of glass panels.