ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
Minutes of
May 5, 2015

Attendees: Paul Alberto, Lisa Armistead, Pam Barr, Mark Becker, Larry Berman, Michelle Brattain, Laura Burtle, Charlie Cobb, Michael Eriksen, Laura Fredrick, Shelby Frost, Don Hale, Kerry Heyward, Steve Kaminshine, Julie Kerlin, Tom Lewis, Jun Liu, Peter Lyons, Walter Massey, Robin Morris, Risa Palm, Jerry Rackliffe, Don Reitzes, Tim Renick, Sterling Roth, Rose Sevcik, Edgar Torbert, Kris Varjas, Phil Ventimiglia, Mary Beth Walker, Jim Weyhenmeyer

New Members

Dr. Becker welcomed new members Drs. Brattain and Frost, members of the Senate Executive Committee.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 5, 2015, were approved.

Consolidation

Dr. Lyons reported 93 recommendations approved by the consolidation working groups were under review. The number of consolidation tasks had been revised to approximately 600, with a wide range of complexities.

Enrollment

Dr. Renick reported overall Summer Semester 2015 enrollments were running 270 students and 1,303 credit hours ahead of the previous year, year-to-date. Graduate enrollments were down 200, and Robinson College of Business credit hours were down 1,290, in each case cutting the gains otherwise in half. Fall Semester 2015 admissions continued to look strong with a record number of freshman applications processed (13,226 as of May 4, 2015). Freshman admits and confirmations were up year-to-date 655 and 202, respectively, over Fall Semester 2014. Quality of incoming freshmen held steady in spite of the increased headcount numbers. Honors freshman confirmations were up 31, and Honors freshman SAT scores were up 20 points.

Dr. Renick commented on new analyses of unmet need and academic performance, which showed a strong pattern of higher unmet need correlating with lower cumulative grade point averages. Between 2008 and 2014, the percentages of undergraduates at higher need levels increased; however, at the same time the percentages of undergraduates with grade point averages 3.0 or higher increased at all levels of need, including an increase from 27% to 41% at the highest need level. This improvement pointed to the success of various RPG interventions in spite of the overall inverse correlation of need with grade point average.

Dr. Renick noted new record of number of degrees conferred anticipated for May 10, 2015 commencement (4,511). Analyses of graduation rates for 2008 versus 2014 showed significant progress across all races from rates in the range of 22% to 32% in 2008 to the range of 50% to 56% in 2014. Clearinghouse data showed graduation rates of approximately 77% across all races for GSU students graduating from any institution.

Atlanta Regional Collaborative for Health Improvement

Dr. Walker presented information about the Atlanta Regional Collaborative for Health Improvement (ARCHI) bringing together a variety of educational institutions, agencies, hospitals, health organizations, etc. in order to meet Affordable Healthcare Act assessment requirements and prepare a Playbook for Action. ARCHI will afford many opportunities for interdisciplinary
involvements in the community with translational research making a real difference in the well-being of citizens. Elizabeth Fuller in the Health Policy Center is the contact person for GSU participation.

Budget

Dr. Rackliffe reported the waiting list for Fall Semester 2015 campus housing already includes 469 students. Construction of the new residence hall and dining facility at the corner of Piedmont and John Wesley Dobbs has commenced with 1,152 beds to be available Fall Semester 2016.

Dr. Rackliffe urged maximizing Summer Semester 2015 enrollments, especially graduate student credit hours, in order to meet tuition revenue targets for both FY 2015 and FY2016.

Legislature

Ms. Kerlin noted Governor Deal had until May 12, 2015 to sign the budget and other legislation. Visits with legislators over the summer will focus on priorities for the 2016 session. Mr. Lewis added that legislation regarding employees switching retirement plans stalled due to cost concerns.

President’s Remarks & Announcements

Dr. Becker noted an upcoming Signal article concerning adjunct or part-time faculty salaries, percentage of part-time faculty, percentage of budget for administrative infrastructure, etc. as related to leaflets distributed to students at the Library Plaza. GSU has approximately half the national average of percentage of part-time faculty among research universities. Expenditures per EFT for instruction and student services is approximately 74%. Administrative infrastructure at 9% is the lowest in USG.

Dr. Becker and Mr. Ventimiglia announced GSU student participation in testing for the MicroSoft Simple Cloud Access Management Program (SCAMP) in Redmond, Washington.

Dr. Becker commented on the CURVE content about GSU student innovation fellows. Dr. Morris announced plans to host a Hack-a-thon in Fall Semester 2015.

Dr. Becker announced the capital campaign will go public October 22, 2015 with a steering team chaired by Pete Petit and co-chaired by Brad Ferrer and Cathy Henson.

Dr. Kaminshine announced the College of Law building was nearing completion with a temporary certificate of occupancy on May 12, 2015 and move-in on June 26, 2015. The dedication ceremony will be on September 9, 2015.

Dr. Becker pointed out Ithaka recognition of retention and graduation successes of GSU.