ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
Minutes of
September 2, 2015


Approval of Minutes

The minutes of August 4, 2015, were approved.

Enrollment

Dr. Renick reported Fall Semester 2015 headcounts were down approximately 390 from the preceding year with approximately 2/3 of the drop in graduate students. Average course loads were up as were graduate credit hours. Out-of-state students were up approximately 12% with the largest headcount increases for New York and California. The increase in out-of-state students was attributed to GSU participation in The Common Application for the first time. International students were up approximately 4% with the largest headcount increases from India, China and Nigeria.

Dr. Renick noted GSU records for new freshmen applied, accepted, confirmed and enrolled for Fall Semester 2015 as well as for average ACT, freshman index and high school gpa of enrolled freshmen. New transfers were down approximately 360 from the preceding year, but up in average gpa. Over half of the drop in new transfers was in transfers from GPC and assumed related to the upcoming consolidation with GSU and the drop in GPC enrollments, especially from Gwinnett County.

Dr. Renick pointed out approximately 600 individuals who confirmed intent to enroll did not do so in Fall Semester 2014 and again in Fall Semester 2015. Analysis of the 2014 group revealed the largest portion of these students did not enroll at any institution. Unmet financial need appeared to be the primary factor with these students generally having good high school gpas and an average of 9 credit hours from AP courses. Consolidation with GPC will present a more affordable pathway for these students to enroll.

Discussion ensued concerning the impact of the improving job market in Metro Atlanta and cost of attendance issues. Dr. Renick noted choosing to take a job was not a good choice for those who were college-ready. Dr. Becker added that job growth was not in the high school graduate sector.

White House “It’s on Us” Sexual Assault Prevention Campaign

Dr. Heyward explained the 2015-16 “It’s on Us” campaign was a renewal of the campaign launched in September 2014 engaging student leaders and organizations to have a national week of action toward reducing sexual assaults on US campuses. GSU will have a publication outlining campus efforts with Greek organizations, SGA, athletics, etc. Dr. Eriksen noted School of Public Health faculty expertise in this area. Dr. Covey pointed to outreach programming with targeted groups and the Haven on-line program delivering sexual assault prevention information through Freshman Learning Communities. Ms. Kerlin indicated the legislature would likely resume consideration of campus sexual assault legislation from the last session, which would
shift response to campus cases to municipal or county police and away from campus police and student affairs administrators.

**Consolidation**

Dr. Lyons reported consolidation of GPC with GSU was proceeding on course. Two issues not resolved were representation of GPC in the University Senate and the general education core. The University Senate will address the general education core at a called meeting on September 10.

**Budget**

Dr. Rackliffe reported FY2015 was completed in balance, and the Summer Semester 2015 revenues were on target. GPC summer credit hours were down; however, a larger percentage of the credit hours were at the $10 higher on-line tuition rate per credit hour. Fall Semester 2015 revenues were not yet known and will depend on the split between in-state vs. out-of-state, undergraduate vs. graduate, graduate paid vs. graduate waived, etc.

Dr. Rackliffe noted FY2016 facilities projects including the Classroom South expansion and renovation of new spaces for the College of Arts & Sciences, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, School of Public Health, and Robinson College of Business requiring a total of $15 million in university funding.

**Legislature**

Ms. Kerlin commended Dr. Renick for his testimony before a US Senate committee in August, 2105. Approximately 25 congressional staffers will visit GSU on September 3, 2015, for tours and conversations with GSU administrators and faculty. Dr. Becker, Mr. Lewis and Ms. Kerlin continue to visit state legislators and members of the Board of Regents.

Mr. Lewis indicated that a bill to allow switching from ORP to TRS was unlikely for the upcoming legislative session. Mr. Lewis also urged anyone contacted by legislators or other government officials for information or assistance to notify the Office of Government and Community Affairs to ensure coordination.

**President’s Remarks**

Dr. Becker welcomed Dr. Kropf to Administrative Council in her new capacity as Dean of the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions.

Dr. Palm announced Jeff Steely of Baylor University had accepted an offer to be Dean of Libraries effective December 1, 2015. Searches for the Vice Provost and Dean of Perimeter College and the Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs will be announced shortly.

Dr. Becker announced a town hall meeting would be held September 10, 2015, to begin the process for the 5-year update of the University Strategic Plan. The update will be a tweak, not a rewrite, with adjustments to the initiatives linked to the same five major goals in the University Strategic Plan.

**Announcements**

Dr. Eriksen commented on the death of Dr. Mark Chaffin of the School of Public Health.

Dr. Kaminshine commented on the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new College of Law building on September 9, 2015.