Attendees: Paul Alberto, Pam Barr, Mark Becker, Larry Berman, Michelle Brattain, Chandler Brown, Charlie Cobb, Doug Covey, Laura Fredrick, Shelby Frost, Don Hale, Kerry Heyward, Steve Kaminsshine, Julie Kerlin, Nancy Kropf, Tom Lewis, Peter Lyons, Robin Morris, Richard Phillips, Jerry Rackliffe, Don Reitzes (for Bill Long), Tim Renick, Sterling Roth, Jeff Steely, Jennifer Stephens (ACE Fellow), Andrea Thornton, Edgar Torbert, Kris Varjas, Phil Ventimiglia, Mary Beth Walker, Jim Weyhenmeyer

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of November 4, 2015, were approved.

Introduction

Dr. Becker welcomed Mr. Steely, the new Dean of Libraries.

Reduction-in-Force Policy

Dr. Heyward presented a revised reduction-in-force policy reflecting consolidation with Georgia Perimeter College and consistency with Board of Regents reduction-in-force policy language. The revised policy included references to the new and unfilled position of Vice President for Human Resources, which will be footnoted to indicate a Presidential designee until the position is filled. Dr. Rackliffe made a motion to approve the revised policy. Dr. Renick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Consolidation

Dr. Lyons reported on progress toward final approval of the consolidation of Georgia State and Georgia Perimeter College. The final Consolidation Implementation Committee meeting will be December 2, 2015, and SACS will act on the substantive change application for accreditation of the consolidated university the week of December 7-11, 2015. The Board of Regents will act on final University System approval of consolidation on January 6, 2016. Events on the Perimeter College campuses to celebrate the consolidation, including unveiling of new signage, will occur the week following approval by the Board of Regents.

Consultation with USDOE/National Center for Education Statistics indicated separate IPEDS numbers would be assigned for Georgia State and Perimeter College of Georgia State. Separate IPEDS numbers will mean separate tracking of students for graduation rates.

Dr. Lyons thanked everyone who assisted with consolidation.

Strategic Plan 5-Year Update

Dr. Walker reported the Strategic Plan Update Committee had completed its schedule of forums and town halls as well as meetings with the deans and associate deans and the leadership of Enrollment Services to seek input for the strategic plan five-year update. The committee will receive a report on a SWOT analysis performed by Ken Bernhardt on December 8. A draft of the strategic plan update will be completed in January, with vetting and revisions to be accomplished in time for action on the strategic plan update at the April meeting of the University Senate.

Enrollment Report
Dr. Renick distributed registration/admissions figures for Spring Semester 2016 and Fall Semester 2016. The Spring Semester 2016 report was highlighted by increases in transfers applying, admitted and enrolled. The Fall Semester 2016 report showed a significant increase in freshmen applications year-to-date, especially for early admission. Early admissions may for the first time account for half of the freshman class.

Dr. Renick distributed information concerning usage of classroom by hour of the day. A task force is working on ways to improve class scheduling to meet high demand courses and to make more efficient use of classrooms.

President’s Remarks

Dr. Becker announced the Georgia State-Carter proposal for Turner Field was one of three submitted. A decision is expected in the first quarter of 2016.

Lisa Borders, chair of the Coca-Cola Foundation, will be the speaker for the December 16, 2015 commencement.

Paula Stephan will be the speaker for the December 17, 2015 doctoral hooding ceremony.

The Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs search is nearing completion with three finalists invited to the campus.

Dr. Liu has accepted a Vice Provost position at Stony Brook University-SUNY. The search for Associate Provost for International Initiatives will begin in January 2016.