ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
Minutes of
March 2, 2016


Approval of Minutes

The minutes of February 10, 2016, were approved.

Introductions

New members of Administrative Council introduced were: Dr. Pandit (Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs), Dr. Gayles (Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness), Dr. Topalli (Interim Associate Provost for International Initiatives), and Mr. Onwuzuruike (SGA Vice President for Student Life representing new member Ms. Teara Mayfield, new SGA President).

University Strategic Plan

Drs. Fredrick and Walker reported substantial progress toward completing the University Strategic Plan five-year update in time for Senate action during Spring Semester 2016. The draft will be posted on the strategic plan website with an option to comment. The Senate Executive Committee will act on the draft on April 6, 2016, and the University Senate in turn on April 14, 2016.

Legislative Update

Ms. Kerlin and Mr. Lewis reported on the legislative session. Demolition of Kell Hall was not funded in the House version of the budget. The Alpharetta campus capital project was funded in the House version. Efforts to include the Kell Hall project in the Senate version were on-going. Campus carry and taser bills passed in the House and were still under committee consideration in the Senate. Chancellor Huckaby was expected to speak to the Senate judiciary committee on March 2, 2016, regarding University System opposition to changing campus carry laws. Other key education bills still in process included HOPE scholarship modifications, opportunity school districts, and end-of-year carryforward.

President’s Remarks

Dr. Becker elaborated on the legislative update. The FY2017 budget submitted by Governor Deal included merit-based salary increases averaging 3% for University System faculty and staff. In tandem with the proposed salary increases was University System action to freeze tuition at FY2016 rates for FY2017.

Dr. Becker announced the speaker for Spring Semester Commencement will be Dr. Susan Desmond-Hellman, CEO of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Dr. Becker reported Turner Field acquisition was on track, but proceeding slowly. Dr. Weyhenmeyer added the second research building would be ready for occupancy in late June or early July 2016. Dr. Rackliffe added that the new residence hall would be ready for occupancy for Fall Semester 2016. With the additional residence hall, total capacity would rise to 5,400 beds.
under Georgia State operation and 6,500 beds including both Georgia State and private developer operated facilities.

Announcements

Dr. Palm reported eight Next Generation funding packages would be announced shortly, in most cases partial awards because of FY2017 funding limitations.

Dr. Berman reminded that the Presidential Scholars Day will be March 11, 2016 with 40 top candidates expected. College representatives were urged to talk with the candidates to maximize the yield in enrolled students from this outstanding pool.

Dr. Berman outlined efforts to enhance Georgia State success in advancing Rhodes Scholar and Marshall Scholar nominees. Dr. Becker emphasized the importance of intentionality in implementing programs for this purpose.