Administrative Council
Minutes of November 2, 2016

Attendees:
Paul Alberto, Lisa Armistead, Pamela Barr, Mark Becker, Larry Berman, Michelle Brattain, Chandler Brown, Doug Covey, Debra Denzer, Laura Fredrick, Shelby Frost, Jonathan Gayles, Don Hale, Kerry Heyward, Chip Hill, Andrea Jones, Steve Kaminshine, Nancy Kropf, J.D. Li, Peter Lyons, Walter Massey, Robin Morris, Fortune Onwuzuruike, Risa Palm, Rich Phillips, Jerry Rackliffe, Don Reitizes, Tim Renick, Kelcey Rogiers, Sterling Roth, Rose Sevcik, Jeff Steely, Volkan Topalli, Kristin Varjas, Phil Ventimiglia, Mary Beth Walker, Wade Weast and Jim Weyhenmeyer

Approval of Minutes:
The minutes of October 5, 2016 were approved.

Information Item: Policy on Minors on Campus:
Dr. Heyward informed the group that the Board of Regents has developed a policy for non-student minors on college campuses. The policy will go into effect in May 2017. Dr. Heyward is working with Safety and Risk Management as well as appropriate individuals around the university to develop a policy specific to Georgia State. The policy will govern non-student minors on campus, such as children attending the child care centers as well as high school students attending camps and classes. At this time, it is unclear whether research participants will also be governed by this policy. Dr. Heyward hopes to provide a policy for review, discussion and approval at the next meeting.

Enrollment Update:
Dr. Renick provided an update on a variety of enrollment matters. For the most recently concluded academic year, bachelor degree conferrals for at risk groups of students continued to increase for a fifth consecutive year. Graduation rate gaps at the Atlanta Campus have closed to the point that there are no discernable differences in graduation rates based on demographic differences.

Perimeter College degree conferrals were also up over the previous year and university leadership has established a goal to double the degree conferral rate at Perimeter College in the next four years. To achieve this goal, an additional 30 academic advisors are being hired at Perimeter College. The university has also launched an analytics tracking initiative to assist with more timely interventions to improve retention and progression rates of Perimeter College students.

Dr. Becker noted that many of the financial savings associated with consolidation are being used to invest in these academic programs and student success initiatives. Funding for these programs was reduced significantly by Georgia Perimeter College during the several years prior to consolidation with Georgia State.

Fundraising Update:
Mr. Massey informed the group that the university has secured pledges and gifts of approximately $230 million towards the initial goal of $300 million for the campaign that is slated to run through 2019. Campaign leadership continues to review strategies for achieving the $300 million goal as well as assas
the feasibility of extending the campaign beyond $300 million. Areas of focus continue to include growing alumni giving rates as well as building endowment accounts for faculty and student needs.

President’s Remarks:

Dr. Becker and Dr. Lyons will report to the Board of Regents at the November 2016 meeting regarding consolidation efforts with Perimeter College. The recently concluded SACS site visit and review in September did not identify any areas of concern so efforts will proceed towards full SACS approval of consolidation in June 2017.

Dr. Becker stated that efforts continue regarding Turner Field. He is optimistic that the item will be included on the agenda at the November meeting of the Board of Regents.

Dr. Becker announced that Joe Spillane has been selected to be the new Georgia State Chief of Police, effective November 28, 2016.

Dr. Becker and Dr. Rackliffe provided a brief update on the Courtland Street bridge replacement. The university has requested that demolition of the existing structure happen during summer of 2017 so as to minimize disruptions around campus during the academic year.

Announcements:

Dr. Berman shared that the Honors College has a finalist under consideration for a Marshall Scholarship and two strong candidates for Rhodes Scholarships.

Dr. Denzer indicated that Perimeter College has a strong history of Jack Kent Cook Scholarship recipients. Dr. Lyons indicated that students at Perimeter College will still be eligible for these scholarships.

Dr. Steely informed the group that biometric scanners will be installed at the library over the winter holiday break.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.