Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2016

Attendees: President Mark Becker, Provost Risa Palm, Laura Fredrick, Shelby Frost, Michelle Brattain, Debra Denzer, Rose Sevcik, Pam Barr

I. Approval of the April 6, 2016 Minutes – The minutes were approved.

II. President’s Report –

- The first Leadership Seminar meeting has been held and was successful. Dr. Becker was very pleased with the first panel. Survey information is forthcoming.

- Turner Field development is proceeding but there are many elements to still be implemented. A public announcement was released by Mayor Reed’s office that the Atlanta Recreation Authority and the Georgia State University Foundation have a purchase and sell agreement. Sale is on track to close December 2016. Georgia State does not own the property. It is held by the Foundation which is a separate entity of who Walter Massey is President. In order for Georgia State to purchase the property from the Foundation, we are seeking Board of Regents approval. If closing occurs in December, Phase I renovations will begin in February. Goal is to play football in the new stadium fall of 2017.

- There was an on campus protest conducted by the Turner Field Benefits Coalition regarding the Turner Field property. The coalition consists of people living in neighborhoods surrounding Turner Field. An email campaign to the university is also part of the protest.

III. Provost’s Report –
Sara Rosen has recently been appointed as the new Dean of College of Arts and Sciences. Current searches include Director of School of Biology and Associate Provost for International Initiatives. After hiring the Associate Provost for International Initiatives he/she will be tasked to take stock of the countries where we currently have interest and re-evaluate where to concentrate our efforts abroad.
College of the Arts has been launched. Among the Deans, priorities are being set in regards to the Strategic Plan.

IV. Senate Business

A. Motions from the Admissions and Standards Committee
   1. ROTC Holds -
      It has been suggested to place a hold on grades and transcripts if student has not returned anything belonging to the US Government. The motion still needs to be reworded before being presented.
   2. Exempt Graduate Students Scoring over 100 on the TOEFL from the GSTEP -
      Data is predictive of students not needing additional testing or recommendations once in graduate school. General consensus is the recommendation is reasonable.

B. Motion from the Faculty Affairs Committee
   1. Changes to Procedures for the Evaluation of Administrators -
      Changes were sent due to requirement of full professorship to be on Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate administrators. It has been suggested that Perimeter College professors who are not fully tenured be allowed to vote. This is not acceptable to the Senate Executive Committee. Was returned to subcommittee and suggested that this rule can apply to Dean of Perimeter College only. The change made is that nominees still must be full professors. Other items discussed is that voting can be done electronically and departments can be changed to units. The Office of Opportunity Development Diversity Education is involved in the oversight of these issues. Those changes made and documented.

C. Motion from the Nominations Committee
   1. Addendum to the 4/14/16 Nominations Report -

D. Information Items
   1. Motion on Emergency Withdrawal -
      Change suggested is adding one faculty and staff member from Perimeter College. The total represented will be three faculty members and three staff members. The wording for this motion needs to be addressed and was discussed.


4. Vice Provost and Dean Peter Lyons will be the speaker - Will speak at October Senate meeting.

E. Discussion Items

1. Administrators on Senate Committees –
   Over the years more administrators have been added which has created groups that are too large. Specifically, the 25% rule is an issue. A suggested solution is two Deans per committee on a rotating basis. Kerry Heyward was consulted and she suggested that we charge each of senate committees to review administrators who should be on committee. Also, evaluate voting and non-voting members. Provost Palm will inform the Deans of the changes. She will then present to the Statutes and Bylaws Committee for changes to take place March of 2017 when nominating committee meets.

2. Meeting Days for Senate Committees – Senator suggested that people choose day that they will meet. Nominations made, information goes out to where you are placed and what day they meet. Ask Senators to give 2 choices to distribute. List when committees meet so if there is a conflict you can avoid moving around of people. It will be between professor and Dean as to where you can best serve. Committee chairs will be approached about these suggestions.

3. Electronic Voting – Electronic voting allowed in sections and bylaws. In order to hold electronic voting, it must be voted on at a physical meeting. Language will be confirmed and distributed to committee.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45P.