Administrative Council
Minutes of November 2, 2017

Attendees:

Approval of Minutes: The committee approved the minutes of October 4, 2017.

Information Item - Emergency Response Plan: Mr. Spillane provided an overview of the university’s emergency response plan. The Board of Regents requires that each institution review its emergency response plan semi-annually. The Georgia State plan is available at safety.gsu.edu/emergency-management. University leadership regularly updates the plan as new information becomes available.

Mr. Spillane stated that advanced planning and open lines of communication are essential to managing an emergency. In addition to maintaining a state of readiness, Mr. Spillane and his team are working on enhanced communication strategies across all units of the university.

As requested by Dr. Becker, Mr. Spillane explained the incident command model. Mr. Spillane stated that when an emergency arises, the first responder to arrive on the scene is in command until a higher authority arrives to assume command. The varying nature of emergencies can result in responses from local, county, state, and federal agencies. As a result, there are many potential emergency scenarios in which GSU Police will not be in charge of managing the situation but will instead assist with operational support and coordination.

Information Item - Ethics Awareness Week: Mr. Roth informed the group of the upcoming Ethics Awareness Week, which is a week of programming that the chancellor requires at all institutions each year. Auditing and Advisory Services will again lead the programming this year during the middle of November. Several speakers will meet with groups around the Atlanta and Perimeter College campuses. Mr. Roth requested support from all university leaders to encourage employees to attend events and participate in the programs. Auditing and Advisory Services will broadcast more details in the coming days to ensure that the university community knows about the events.

Information Item – OneUSG Update: Dr. Rackliffe stated that Board of Regents has moved Georgia State from cohort 2 to cohort 3 for the implementation of the new human resources system. As a result, Georgia State will go live with the system in April 2018 rather than December 2017 as previously scheduled. This additional time will allow university system personnel and project leadership to continue developing the functionality necessary to support the needs of our institution. Ms. Linda Nelson and Mr. Robert Elmore will continue to communicate information across the campus in advance of this new date.

Fundraising Update: Mr. Massey stated that the university has raised $290 million towards the stated campaign goal of $300 million. University leadership is optimistic that we will achieve the $300 million
goal by the end of calendar year 2017. The university receives approximately 82% of gifts in the form of cash, compared to a national average of approximately 70%. The university will strive to maintain the momentum with cash gifts and grow the number of planned gifts.

Legislative Update: Ms. Kerlin reminded the group of the upcoming general election on November 4. State revenue collections are slowing which has implications for future budget years. The Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget is reviewing budget requests in advance of the start of the next legislative session, which begins on January 8, 2018.

President’s Remarks: Dr. Becker stated that the third building in the Science Park complex will be on the December agenda for approval by the Board of Regents. University leadership continues to work with appropriate individuals around the state to secure support for both a convocation center (major capital project) and library entrance (minor capital project) during the upcoming legislative session.

Dr. Palm provided an update on the current searches for deans. The third finalist for the College of Law deanship is on campus today. The search committee, provost and president hope to move quickly on a decision after meeting with the third finalist today. Dr. Phillips and Dr. Pandit are co-chairs of this search. The search committee for the next dean of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies anticipates campus visits by finalist candidates during late winter or early spring. Dr. Kropf and Dr. Galchinsky are co-chairs of this search.

Announcements: Dr. Berman stated that he recently returned from a trip to London with Dr. Becker and Mr. Massey. The group was very successful in strengthening existing relationships and cultivating new relationships in support of internships for Honors College students.

Dr. Walker will lead a commission to develop strategies by which Georgia State can enhance faculty diversity.

Mr. Cobb stated that his peers and our partners in the Sun Belt athletic conference are working on improved media contracts and exposure for member institutions.

Dr. Becker stated that many university leaders are attending the upcoming Association of Public and Land-grant Universities conference in Washington D.C. University leadership will also participate in the University Innovation Alliance and are optimistic about media coverage in conjunction with Georgia State’s efforts in this area.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 am.