Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2017

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

I. Approval of the April 6, 2017 Minutes – The minutes were approved.

II. President’s Report
   ➢ The fiscal year closed with both record numbers for research and philanthropy. Sponsored research totaled $147M which is a 20% increase over the previous year. The first quarter of the current fiscal year will be ahead of last years.
   ➢ For the first time in history, the University raised over $50M in philanthropy.
   ➢ The capital campaign, which has a target of $300M, is now at $288M. At launch the campaign was scheduled to run through 2019, but it now appears the target will be reached by the end of this calendar year or the first quarter of 2018. This was the University’s second campaign. The first campaign had a goal of $127M which was exceeded; however, there was not another campaign for a decade until now. When this campaign ends, it will be evaluated and then silent planning for the next capital campaign will begin.
   ➢ There were over 19,000 freshman applications for the Atlanta Campus compared to less than 10,000 applications a decade ago. There were nearly 500 students in temporary housing but most have been accommodated now, by doubling or tripling up some rooms.
   ➢ The GSU Stadium is now open.
   ➢ Design money for a Convocation Center for Georgia State is on the Capital Projects List that the BOR sends to the governor for his budget. It is an $80M project—we are requesting $60M from the State and we will have to raise the remaining $20M.

III. Provost Report
   ➢ Two dean searches are currently in progress to succeed deans in the College of Law and the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.
   ➢ Information has been distributed for the next gen faculty proposals, and the review and allocation is underway.
   ➢ There are two new interdisciplinary working groups. One group is focused on increasing the profile of GSU on the topic of health and is led by Geert de Vries. The other group is looking at interdisciplinary research more generally and how to promote it—especially around P&T documents, and is led by Mary Beth Walker.
   ➢ President Becker won the Carnegie Award which contributes $500 to the University.
IV. Senate Business

A. Motion from the Cultural Diversity and Faculty Affairs Committees
   Resolution to Develop Strategies to Address Limited Faculty Diversity – A meeting was held with Legal, Michael Galchinsky, and some members of the Executive Committee. It was agreed that the proposal should be sent back to the Committee.

B. Motion from the Univ Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee
   Changes to Section 18 of the Senate Bylaws – Passed to the Senate Agenda

C. Motion from the Nominations Committee
   Addendum to the April 13, 2017 Nominations Report – Passed to the Senate Agenda

Information Items
   A. Report on Triennial Evaluation of Dean Paul Alberto
   B. Name change for Byrdine F. Lewis College of NHP
   C. February 2018 Senate Meeting will be held on Clarkston Campus
   D. Speaker – Michael Galchinsky

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.