Administrative Council
Minutes of October 4, 2017

Attendees:

Approval of Minutes: The committee approved the minutes of September 6, 2017.

Action Item: Name change for Research on the Challenges of Acquiring Language & Literacy (RCALL): Dr. Rosen presented a brief history of the Area of Focus initiative Research on the Challenges of Acquiring Language and Literacy (RCALL). This initiative began in 2009 as a collaboration between the College of Arts & Sciences and the College of Education & Human Development. The colleges submitted a request to change the name to the Center for Research on the Challenges of Acquiring Language and Literacy. Designation as a research center will assist in the promotion of the specialized scholarship and programming in the unit. The unit does not request any additional university financial support in conjunction with the request. The committee unanimously approved the request as submitted.

Action Item: Creation of the Center for the Advancement of Students and Alumni into Graduate School and Professional Programs (CASA): Dr. Armistead presented a request to create a new university center that will serve as an institutional hub supporting students in the pursuit of graduate and professional programs. This center will not be duplicative of other university initiatives and is pursuing outside resources to assist with data analytics capabilities. Dr. Becker noted that this center would be an extension of the university’s efforts in student success and uniquely position the university with a center at the institutional level. The committee unanimously approved the request as submitted.

Action Item: Student Code of Conduct: The committee will review this item at a future meeting.

Information Item: Row, Row, Row Your Boat: Through song and audience participation, Mr. Gray shared talking points regarding leadership and teamwork from a recent retreat conducted by the Student Government Association.

Information Item: Emergency Response Plan: Mr. Spillane will present this item at the November meeting.

Information Item: Regents Salary Administration Policy: Dr. Rackliffe and Ms. Nelson informed the group of a new salary administration policy adopted by the Board of Regents. The policy restricts salary adjustments for any permanent university employee to a maximum of 10% + the stated merit cap that governs merit increases for the specific fiscal year. University leadership and administrative offices are working with staff at the Board of Regents as they clarify processes for requesting exceptions due to relevant hiring and retention scenarios. Leadership will share more information as the Board of Regents provides additional guidance on the matter.
Enrollment Update: Dr. Renick shared enrollment and application data with the committee. The fall census is still 10 days away, but credit hours are above prior year levels for fall semester at the Atlanta campus as well as Perimeter campuses. For the first time since consolidation, there has been a significant increase in applications to Perimeter College. At the Atlanta campus, the incoming freshman class of 3,900 students is approximately double the size of the incoming freshman class 8 years ago. The Student Financial Management Center is nearing completion its first year of operations and has developed a variety of strategies to interact with students.

Legislative Update: University leaders are meeting with local and state officials in advance of the November elections and the General Assembly convening in early January. Funding priorities for the university in the upcoming legislative session include a minor capital request for a new entrance to the university library as well as design money for a convocation center.

President’s Report: Dr. Becker shared information regarding an upcoming advertising campaign to promote the university around metro Atlanta. There will also be an upcoming story from the Gates Foundation that highlights student success efforts by Georgia State.

Dr. Becker also noted that the new vice chancellor for academic affairs plans to increase efforts across the University System of Georgia to utilize predictive analytics and proactive interventions with students. Georgia State leadership will play an important role in shaping these efforts.

Dr. Becker announced that McCamish Pavilion at Georgia Tech will host fall commencement ceremonies.

Finally, Dr. Becker noted the current sentiment among the U.S. population regarding the importance placed on higher education. As younger generations balance the cost of attending college and subsequent student debt with long-term career prospects, universities will need to increase commitment to affordability as well as ensure that curricula adapts to prepare students for future workforce needs.

Announcements:

Dr. Galchinsky stated that the new SACS COC accreditation standards likely include required guidance for students with respect to managing costs and debt. Thus, Georgia State is already in a strong position to demonstrate ability to meet those new standards.

Dr. Rackliffe informed the group that the university remains on schedule to relocate all of the programs and offices from Kell Hall to other locations around campus. The university is scheduled to demolish Kell Hall by December 2018.

Dr. Berman reminded the group that James Meredith will speak on campus at 6:30 pm on October 25.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 pm.