Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2018

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

I. Approval of the September 22, 2017 Minutes – The minutes were revised and approved.

II. President’s Report
   - The Governor has put in design money for the Convocation Center. If we get the funding, the Center will be built on land that was given to Georgia State through the Board of Regents. The Georgia Building Authority conveyed the land to the BOR for Georgia State and in January the BOR voted to accept the land on behalf of GSU.
   - Georgia State is seeking another $5 million in small caps for Library Plaza work.
   - The Governor has not put any money in the budget for pay raises.
   - There is some concern regarding the 1st Amendment Bill for the state of Georgia. There will be a hearing in the Senate Higher Education Committee and the Chancellor asked President Becker and Jere Morehead from UGA to testify. The bill focuses on free speech, etc. which would be superseded by the Constitution. No state law is needed because Federal Law is abundantly clear on the matter.

III. Provost Report
   - Wendy Hensel was appointed as Dean of the College of Law
   - Searches are still ongoing for the dean of the Andrew Young School. Campus visits will take place late February and early March.
   - There is currently a search for the Director of the Creative Media Industries Institute and the search should be complete by the beginning of March. The person will make the connections with the media industries to determine the cutting edge things that need to be done to prepare our students for the media industry.
   - The award letters for the next round of the next generation of faculty have been sent out.
   - Trying to work out systems where faculty appointments can be more flexible, and where there will be more ideas about joint appointments for faculty and the ability for faculty to move from one unit to another.
   - There is an ad hoc faculty committee looking at the implications of technological change on the University. They are called the Moon Shot Committee.
IV. Senate Business

A. Motion from the Faculty Affairs Committee
   1. Revised Faculty Work Load Policy – Passed to the Senate agenda.

B. Motion from the Cultural Diversity Committee
   1. Coordinate the Senate’s Work with the Commission for the Next Generation of Faculty
      Will send back to the Committee with suggested changes. If changes are accepted, the motion will be passed to the Senate agenda.

C. Motion from the Academic Programs Committee
   1. Amend the Template for Program Review for CAP – Will send to agenda as an Information Item.

D. Report on Triennial Evaluation of Dean Richard Phillips
   Will have Mary Nell make minor changes and add as an Information Item.

V. Information Item

A. Will there be a speaker at the 2/15/18 Senate Meeting – Kerry Heyward

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.