

Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2019

Attendees: President Becker, Provost Hensel, Michelle Brattain, Shelby Frost, Jon Wiley, Kris Varjas, Catherine Perkins, Sally Robertson

I. Approval of April 2019 minutes – The minutes were approved.

II. President's Report

- Chief Spillane is going to put more uniforms on the street at night to help combat the recent armed robberies.
- There are no plans to put a fence around Hurt Park. We have control of the park but we don't own it.
- The Convocation Center is in the design phase and has been approved by the Board of Regents.
- The main takeaways from the interviews conducted with key leaders were: The most important thing to protect about the university is the momentum. The top two heavily recurrent themes of things people would like to see changed are: (1) increasing the profile of our research and graduate programs and (2) establishing a robust online platform to meet the current demands of current and prospective students.

III. Provost's Report

- This is the tenth and final year of the next gen process, and with recent personnel changes and preparation for the new strategic plan, it is a great time to think about what to do next.
- The Provost's Office is working on a set of principles for the implementation of the student evaluation instrument that was passed last year. An FAQ document has gone out to the deans to clear up confusion on implementation.
- A steering committee will be selected soon to move forward with the feedback from the Next Gen Faculty Report.
- All chairs, deans and chairs of search committees are going through, or will be going through, required implicit bias training.
- Three hundred invitations to attend an interactive networking reception were sent to faculty members who self-identify as underrepresented minorities. This will provide them the opportunity to identify affinity areas that might be of interest in creating connections, e.g., P&T, mentorship groups, book clubs, etc.

- Although there is a lot of good work being done in the area of on-line teaching, it's not coordinated strategically at the university level. Since no university in the state is a major player in the online space, it is an opportunity for GSU to increase the quality of our undergraduate programs and identify some flagship graduate programs that would not only serve our students but the citizens of Georgia and beyond.
- The Faculty Affairs and Budget Committees are putting together an ad hoc salary study committee. The Provost's Office is developing the study, which will then be taken to the Senate for their feedback as opposed to having two data sets where the data probably would not match.

IV. Senate Business

A. Motions from the Admissions and Standards Committee

1. Admissions and Standards: Motion re Emergency Withdrawal – After a few minor amendments the motion was moved to the Senate Agenda
2. Admissions and Standards: Motion for Waiver of C- graduation requirement – Moved to Senate Agenda.

B. Motions from the Faculty Affairs Committee

3. Faculty Affairs: Policy on Adoption of Faculty Authored Textbooks – Moved to Senate Agenda.

C. Nominations Information Item

1. Addendum to the 4/18/19 Nominations Report – Will bring to the November meeting.

V. Speaker – Provost Hensel