Senate Executive Committee Meeting
Agenda
February 3, 2020

I. Approval of October 2019 Minutes – The minutes were approved.

II. President’s Report

- The Legislative session is under way. The Governor has presented his budget and it did not include cuts to GSU’s budget.
- Pay raises are not included in the Governor’s budget except for employees making less than $40,000/year. They will receive a $1,000 pay raise; however, it does not include people paid on grants and from other sources. We are still waiting on an answer as to whether or not institutional resources can be used to pay raises.
- The Governor put forth a smaller capital budget than USG requested; however, Georgia State did not have any big projects on the list. We can seek funding for small cap projects which are projects less than $5 million, and we will do so for the dental hygiene clinic at the Dunwoody campus.
- The coronavirus has passed epidemic proportions in China and has spread beyond China but not at epidemic levels. Wolfgang Schloer is monitoring the situation and will take appropriate measures when needed.
- The two nominees for an honorary degree were discussed and the Committee decided to submit Dr. William Foege to the Board of Regents for consideration.

III. Provost’s Report

- Currently identifying 8-10 of our largest courses that have the highest DFW rates to create some incentives for working together across the sections to create master courses. There should be a consistent level of quality, coverage, and expectations at the end of the courses no matter which section you’re enrolled in -- face-to-face and on-line.
- All departments have been asked to meet with their counterparts at Perimeter in person. The feedback has been very positive and I would like to continue this process on a semester or yearly basis.
- The CORE consists of four different zones—the Shared Zone consists of 6 courses, 3 credits each with specific identified subject content areas and three different skill sets that cross different zones. There are no vertical sequences—only horizontal. The second is an Institutional Zone which is 3 classes, 3 credits each which allows us to identify what we think is unique to our mission. The next zone is an Intellectual Curiosity Zone that has 9 credits of electives that the student gets to elect. And the final zone is Area F - 6
classes 3 credits each with specific content objectives for four of the classes. It’s uncertain if this will be presented to the BOR in February which was the original plan.

- There is an overwhelming response for the event on Feb 20 about the book that was written about the three women who integrated Georgia State through a lawsuit. The location has been changed to a larger space.

- The Harvard survey, referred to as COACHE and considered the gold standard in faculty climate surveys, will be coming out in two weeks. It is a recommendation from the next generation of faculty. The goal is to get a benchmark to see if we are making process over time with the intense resources and time that we are putting into these issues.

- The survey covers every aspect of faculty life and is not focused primarily on diversity, but also on research and teaching, budgeting, etc. It’s not just a survey but a three-year program. In the first year a report will be provided that will benchmark us against our peer institutions. In the second year, a team will travel to Harvard to meet with other peer institutions to talk about different strategies that have worked, similar issues, and where they have had success and we have not. Then the results will be shared with the faculty through townhalls, workshops or other opportunities to get their input and then develop a mini-strategic plan. The plan will be implemented in year three and then the process will start again in year four.

IV. Senate Business
A. Admissions and Standards Committee: Motion to Adjust Membership of Special Talents Committee – Motion passed to the agenda.
B. (Faculty Affairs Committee: Faculty Authored Textbooks – still pending)

V. Speaker – Provost Wendy Hensel will be the speaker.

The meeting was adjourned 3:00 p.m.