

Senate Research Committee Meeting Minutes
March 30, 2020; 3:00 PM
Virtual Meeting (WebEx)

Attendees: Laura Burtle, Brenda Chapman, Daniel Crimmins, Michael Eriksen, Sabrina Freaney, Andrew Gewirtz, Glenn Harrison, Xiaochun He, Jan Ivery, Nadine Kabengi, Candace Kemp, Tony Lemieux, Elizabeth Lim, Songqi Liu, Mariana Montiel, Anne Murphy, Martin Norgaard, Maggie Renken, Sally Robertson, Maryann Romski, Rose A. Sevcik (Chair), Kelly Stout, Jelena Subotic, Kris Varjas, Desiree Wanders, Julie Washington, and Jack Williams

Absentees: Charlie Benson, Margo Brinton, Zhipeng Cai, Dabney Dixon, Qian Gu, Maria Johnson (SGA), Ed Rigdon, Bill Robinson, Vjollca Sadiraj, and Aleksandr Zelikovskiy

Minutes: Rose Baldwin

1. The February 17, 2020 minutes were approved.
2. Dr. Chapman reported all units and committees under the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) (IRB, IACUC, Research Safety) will continue to operate as usual. There is a minimum number of safety personnel available on campus with the remaining working remotely. ORI staff are available either by email or phone.
3. Dr. Stout provided an update that we are moving forward with the reviews on the FY21 Internal Grant Program's RIG and Scholarly Support grant applications; the Senate Research Subcommittee on Internal Grants will review the rankings and submit final recommendations for funding to the VPR who will make the final funding decision by the end of April. In addition, we are in communications with the current grant awardees and making efforts to monitor any delays encountered, and if necessary to develop a plan for them to complete their research projects successfully.
4. Dr. Michael Eriksen, interim Vice President of Research & Economic Development, provided an update that many from his office are working remotely, but the infrastructure continues to operate as normal. He also noted there are several GSU researchers who are working on the coronavirus in High Containment and that Georgia State will possibly be processing COVID19 tests soon in one of the labs.
5. Dr. Eriksen presented on the Huron Consulting Group's 240-page report with a short PPT (attached to minutes). In early March he met with President Becker to present his recommendations based on the report which were well-received by the President. The recommendations for future investment will focus a lot on faculty success in research. In total, Huron's recommended long-term investment of an additional \$7 million to support the VPR's research administration, primarily to pay for new systems to replace existing systems. He has instead recommended investment of around \$1.38 million, including bolstering support for existing technology systems rather than expensive replacements).

Dr. Romski inquired on the proposed plan to allocate additional funds into the current operating budget. Dr. Eriksen replied it will be an iterative process and possibly split it over two fiscal years. Several members shared similar comments to establish a purposeful plan for investment.

The next meeting is scheduled on April 20, 2020 at 3:00 PM **virtually, WebEx application.**