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

Absentees: Charlie Benson, Qian Gu, Maria Johnson (SGA), Bill Robinson, Vjollca Sadiraj, and Aleksandr Zelikovskiy

Minutes: Rose Baldwin

1. The March 30, 2020 minutes were approved.

2. Chair Sevcik announced the University Senate Election is delayed until later this year and the current Senate Research Committee will remain in place until that time.

3. Dr. Chapman reported Office of Research Integrity’s operations and committees will continue as usual. The BSL4 laboratory is scheduled to have a CDC inspection later this year which will upgrade GSU’s status for research with select agents and toxins.

4. Dr Stout briefly reported the internal grants are now being reviewed by the VPR for final approval for the upcoming fiscal year. There will possibly be a reduced budget for this round of funding due to COVID-19.

5. Dr. Romski provided an update on the University Research Center working group. Currently, they are reviewing the university research centers’ guidelines (2012) for clarity and relevancy, and they will present recommendations for changes to those guidelines to the research committee prior to submitting the final recommendation to Dr. Eriksen.

6. Dr. Eriksen provided the following announcement/updates:
   – Waiting on the direction from the Governor to fully re-open operations at GSU.
   – GSU will receive $45 million for higher education and other areas from the CARES Act.
   – Several GSU researchers are working on coronavirus projects.
   – GSU will be developing a collaborative partnership with Medical College of Georgia in the form of a Seed Grant program and an NIH CTSA grant with a focus on rural healthcare and pandemic medicine.
   – GSU Research Magazine’s newest issue is available on the website; a broadcast message was provided.

7. Chair Sevcik updated the committee that a candidate search for the VPR position continues and the finalists are currently being identified and will be invited in time to GSU to make a formal presentation.

The next meeting is scheduled in August TBD.