GSU Senate Committee on Planning and Development
December 14, 2020 | 2:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Committee Members Absent:
   Jocelyn Aguirre, Xiaojun Cao, Jessie Cino, Michael Eriksen, Michael Galchinsky, Jade Gross, Wendy Hensel, Kenneth Long, Kenneth McNamara, Bonté Mitchell, Michelle Nelson, Ike Okosun, Joe Patterson, Jerry Rackliffe, Andrew Sumner, Phil Ventimiglia, Alex Zelikovsky

Others Present:
   Donna Nichols (to take minutes)

Committee Chair Jared Poley called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #1
Approval of the Minutes of November 9, 2020:
   A motion was made to approve the minutes, with a correction to Mr. Galchinsky’s report.
   The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #2
FACP Report:
   A proposal was made via email to FACP that the Mandatory Student Fees remain unchanged; the committee approved the proposal. Next meeting is TBD.

AGENDA ITEM #3
CPSAC Report:
   CPSAC is scheduled to meet on January 21, 2021 and a report will be provided at the next Planning and Development committee meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4
University Budget Update (Jerry Rackliffe):
   Mr. Rackliffe was not available at meeting time, and he asked Mr. Vakamudi to give a brief
report on the budget. Vakamudi shared that summer and fall revenues were in line with budgeted numbers. State revenues for the first five months of the current fiscal year are up by 5.7 percent, which is hoped to continue for the remainder of the fiscal year with no future cuts necessary. Enrollments are slightly behind last year’s numbers, but Dr. Calhoun-Brown and her team are working hard to address the pertinent issues and increase those numbers.

AGENDA ITEM #5
University Buildings Update (Ramesh Vakamudi, Vice President for Facilities Management):

Vakamudi gave the committee a status update on facilities management projects funded by the university and the Board of Regents. COVID-19 social distancing markers, elevator markers and acrylic panels across campus have been put into place across all campuses. There will be no change in classroom capacity, which will continue to operate at 25 percent in the coming semester, and he said some classrooms previously used for larger classes were being utilized to accommodate the capacity restriction. Facilities Management has put together a Custodial Services COVID-19 Clean Team to sanitize classrooms, labs and office spaces when necessary from a reported positive outbreak of the virus. He reported there is monitoring and constant mechanical system adjustment in campus buildings to increase fresh air flow as much as possible. The facilities team is installing UV lights inside air handling units to address bacteria and microbes in the air as it enters the buildings. Portable air filtration machines are provided where requested.

Campus greenway projects at the library and adjoining spaces are being completed, Vakamudi reported. The Library North addition is currently underway, creating a new entrance to the library. A new stairway and two new elevators will provide access to the facility from the ground-level green spaces. The project is scheduled to be completed by March/April 2021. The Convocation Center groundbreaking occurred last month on the multi-use facility designed to hold convocations, conferences and basketball home games.

The Board of Regents approved a $6.3 million dental hygiene addition at the Dunwoody campus. The selection of architects is currently in process, and the design phase will follow. It will take approximately a year to complete once design has been accomplished. A $2.1 million renovation for the BSL-3 lab is in progress, with a plan for completion by January 2022. The campus has a Memorandum of Understanding to maintain city-owned Hurt Park, and the university is planning an improvement project for new landscaping, lighting, repairs to existing features and creation of a new stage area. Phase 1 of the project is currently underway.

Major repairs and renovation (MRR) projects under FY20 funding are still being completed, with the mechanical systems update on the 4th floor of Sparks Hall underway, Vakamudi reported. Other projects completed with these funds are: roof replacement on the Science hall, replacement of handrails complying with ADA guidelines in Langdale Hall, restroom upgrades in Clarkston’s CH building (again to comply with ADA standards), replacement of Decatur’s SB chiller and AHU coil, and other projects throughout Perimeter College
The Board of Regents has approved $6.88 million in funding for MRR projects in FY21, and his team is readying plans and designs for completion of these projects.

Comments from committee members to Vakamudi included thanks and recognition of the hard work of his team, especially in their efforts to respond to the myriad of social distancing requirements in a short time.

Poley reported that the MMR subcommittee has a number of vacancies, and he encouraged anyone interested in serving on the committee to let him know. He noted the opportunities of the subcommittee to review FY21 MMR projects and have input on them.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m. with wishes for a good holiday break.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Nichols