

Senate Research Committee Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2013; 3:00 PM
315 Dahlberg Hall

Attendees: Amber Amari, Tim Bartness, Brenda Chapman, Sarah Cook, Michael Decker, Don Edwards, Miles Irving, Beth Jones, Steve Manson, Mike Metzler, Ike Okosun, Don Reitzes, Ed Rigdon, Mary Ann Ronski, Rose Sevcik (Chair), Mary Stuckey, Monica Swahn, William Walsh, Jim Weyhenmeyer, Carol Winkler, and Yichuan Zhao

Absentees: Pam Barr, Monica Diaz, Dabney Dixon, Florian Enescu, Paul Gallimore, Robert Harrison, Jan Ivery, Suri Iyer, Paul Katz, Bala Ramesh, Bill Robinson, Renee Schatteman, P.C. Tai, Kris Varjas, and Leslie Wolf

Minutes: Rose Williams

1. The December 10, 2012 minutes were approved.
2. Jerry Rackcliffe reported to the committee on the update of the proposed expansion of the Science Park. Jerry announced the construction project has been approved by the Board of Regents; additionally, GSFIC approved Georgia State to manage these funds. Currently we are reviewing several architectural firms and within the year, an architect will be hired to design and construct the building. Further, construction should be completed by *fall* 2015 and be ready to recruit for new faculty and staff. The design plans might be amended to include a bridge, similarly to libraries North and South, to allow access from the new building to Petit Science Center.
3. Jim Weyhenmeyer discussed the following URSA updates:
 - a. To enhance the effectiveness of the grants administration, Jim has commissioned various internal and external groups to review all the academic units and identify ways to make the process more effective. Recently he hired two consultants tasked with the same agenda, and they have submitted 5 recommendations in the past week. Jim is currently reviewing this report. By the end of this semester, Jim anticipates communicating the proposal to stakeholder groups.
 - b. Jim discussed that he will be creating a search committee this week to recruit for the vacant position of Director of OSP. By March, there should be a short list of candidates and have hired someone into the position by *late* March.
 - c. Jim discussed that there has been a significant growth in the animal census contributed to by existing and new research faculty. Historically, his office provided vivarium subsidy targeted at 50% of the VPR budget, and currently, it is surpassed by more than 15%. Jim stated mechanisms need to be in place to provide additional resources and control costs to support this type of activity. Jim proposes to conduct town hall meetings to fully disclose the broad financial activities of the VPR budget to bring this into balance, and he invited the committee to send him suggestions as well.
4. Rose Sevcik announced that the chair of library agreed to form a joint committee with the Senate Research Committee, and we are currently seeking to recruit members. The purpose of this joint committee is to look at a broad range of issues related to contemporary scholarly publishing.

5. Rose announced that the graduate funding report was reviewed by the Senate Executive Committee and also by the President and Provost. It is ready to be reviewed by the Deans' Council, and it is on their agenda for the next meeting. They will determine how to incorporate this plan and improve funding for recruitment and graduate students.
6. Tim Bartness discussed issues with panthermart and travel approvals. Beth Jones suggested we talk with Larry McCallop and determine ways to make the process more efficient. Rose will invite him to an upcoming meeting.

The next meeting will be held on February 18 at 3:00 PM in 315 Dahlberg Hall.