

Senate Research Committee Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2012; 3:00 PM  
315 Dahlberg Hall

Attendees: Amber Amari, Brenda Chapman, Michael Decker, Dabney Dixon, Florian Enescu, Miles Irving, Jan Ivery, Beth Jones, Steve Manson, Ed Rigdon, Mary Ann Romski, Rose Sevcik (Chair), Mary Stuckey, Monica Swahn, William Walsh, Jim Weyhenmeyer, and Leslie Wolf

Absentees: Pam Barr, Tim Bartness, Sarah Cook, Monica Diaz, Don Edwards, Paul Gallimore, Robert Harrison, Suri Iyer, Paul Katz, Mike Metzler, Ike Okosun, Bala Ramesh, Don Reitzes, Bill Robinson, Renee Schatteman, P.C. Tai, Kris Varjas, Carol Winkler, and Yichuan Zhao

Minutes: Rose Williams

1. The November 12, 2012 minutes were approved.
2. Jim Weyhenmeyer discussed the following updates with URSA:
  - a. The IS&T technology platform is under review; the review will address two important goals related to the university's Strategic Plan. The first is the educational component and evaluation will derive largely from undergraduate admissions and graduation rates' metrics. Second will be productivity in the research infrastructure. Overall, the objective is to improve and balance the two environments as we move forward.
  - b. Marca Gurule, associate director of Office of Sponsored Programs, has resigned and taken a position with the Kaiser Foundation. The Office of Sponsored Programs is in the process of this transition, and Jim has devised an interim plan to ensure proposals submitted will be processed at all external Sponsored Agencies. The position has been posted and the job responsibilities will include a blend of Albertha White-Barrett's past role. This position should be filled by late spring.
  - c. An outside consultant has been engaged to design a business model of GSU's grants management in pre and post award activities. The first report should be available in late January, and Jim will share it with the committee.
  - d. Jim reported we have closed our first quarter and the awards in FY13 are slightly ahead of FY12 by 4-5%. Also, the research activity showed an increase in multi-PI proposals and resulted in added monetary value. However, it did not achieve the benchmarks set for the deans at 10% in their research portfolios. Further, Jim plans to share these quarterly reports with the committee on a regular basis.
  - e. Jim discussed commissioning a group to enhance GSU's technology commercialization. Currently, it is in the early phase of re-launching. In early January, he will identify those persons to manage it. Additionally, GSU benefited from recent publicity in the AJC newspaper regarding intellectual property that has strong economic potential to support the food industry and agricultural sector.
3. Beth Jones noted that Turner Field is closed for parking due to the holiday, and students can park on campus for a daily fee until December 24. Dabney Dixon responded with concern and strongly supported an alternate plan for students to avoid parking fees. Beth decided to designate T Deck at SunTrust Building for free parking for graduate students and that parking would be available during the hours of the attendants. Beth

asked that she be contacted with an estimate of the number of students involved so that she can allot the appropriate number of spaces.

4. Rose Sevcik discussed Dean Seamans' presentation regarding issues in scholarly publication. Rose noted that GA Tech has adopted an Open Access policy and she provided a handout with its announcement. She asked that the committee review this policy and decide whether to similarly create and adopt one. Rose also recommended forming a joint committee between the library and senate research committee, and she is presently pursuing this initiative with the chair of the library. The members of the research committee endorsed this action.
5. Steve Manson discussed issues encountered with uploading content using Digital Measures. Mary Stuckey responded she experienced no issues and performed it within a sufficient time. Rose recommended that the area Dean should be contacted to accommodate Steve on this issue.
6. Rose announced that Tim Bartness of Neuroscience and George Wang of Chemistry have been named AAAS fellows.

The next meeting will be held on January 28 at 3:00 PM in 315 Dahlberg Hall.