

University Senate Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2012

Attendees: President Becker, Provost Palm, Don Reitzes, Kristen Varjas, Lynda Goodfellow, Mary Finn, Laura Fredrick, Rose Sevcik, Peter Lyons

I. Approval of October 5, 2012 Minutes – The minutes were approved.

II. President's Report

- Dennis Lockhart, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta was awarded an Honorary Degree at the Fall Commencement on Tuesday, December 18. There were 1600 students and the Governor was the Commencement Speaker.
- The applications for enrollment are up significantly--both in applications and quality.
- We are doing well in fundraising. The numbers in December have accelerated due to the uncertainty in Washington and threats that the charitable contributions deduction may go away or be capped.
- Another emerging theme is more university engagement in economic development. The Chancellor hosted the USG Summit on Research and Innovation on our campus and it was very well attended. The Metro Atlanta Chamber started work on its 5-year strategic plan a year and a half ago, and the feedback from the consultants was that the old strategy of getting companies to relocate here or building factories will not work. Atlanta needs to get better at growing companies and getting more engaged with the universities. The Chamber has started to do this and has formed a Business Higher Education Council (made up of 5 university presidents and a number of corporate executives) to look at specific things that could be done to grow jobs.

III. Provost's Report

- Beginning to organize the implementation of the signature experience for undergraduates. Jonathan Gayles from Arts and Sciences will chair the committee.
- There is a new title, Distinguished Research Professor, for people who are at the full professor level but not quite Regent's Professors. Several recommendations of nominees have been received from the Deans to be reviewed by the committee of Regents' Professors.
- The Committee on the administration of graduate programs should be prepared to report at the next meeting.

IV. Associate Provost Peter Lyons

- There will be three committees: an Interim Report Steering Committee chaired by the Provost, a QEP Impact Committee, and a Compliance Certification Committee

consisting of the co-chairs of five subcommittees; all of which will contribute to the writing and creation of the fifth year report. Everything has to be made available to SACS electronically. The Committee chaired by the Provost will review progress in June, October and December and report to the President. The draft of each document is due to the Provost Committee at each of these intervals. There will be a style guide for consistency. The first draft is due in June. The final document should be finished by December and due to SACS in March.

V. Senate Business

A. Motion from the Admissions and Standards Committee

1. Global Fellows Program - Item passed on to the Senate agenda.
2. Hardship Withdrawals – Item passed on to the Senate agenda.
3. Admission to Upper Division in Journalism and Film - Item passed on to Senate agenda.
4. Modify the Admissions Requirements to the Nursing Program – Item passed on to the Senate agenda.
5. Exercise Science Upper-Division Requirements – Item passed on to Senate agenda.
6. Transient Credit- Item passed on to Senate agenda.
7. Massive Open Online Courses – Item passed on to Senate agenda.

B. Motion from the Faculty Affairs Committee

1. Graduate Faculty Membership – The motion was approved.

C. Motion from the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee

1. Change Text in Senate Bylaws Article VII - The motion was approved
2. Change Text in University Statutes, Article IX – The motion was approved

D. Discussion Items

1. Doctoral Funding Model – The report was accepted.
2. Speaker for January Senate Meeting – The speaker will be Peter Lyons

The meeting adjourned at 10:00A.