

Staff Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 18 2015

470 University Center

Members in Attendance: Shealyn Allman, Regina Anderson, Shantay Bennett, Kevin Chappell, Vennie Davidson, Caroline Dotts, Charles Gilbreath, Jamie Hayes, Adila Hossain, Michelle Lacoss, Erik Lauffer, Lacreacia Mance, Whitney Meyer, Andria Reddick, Stephen Rosner, Karen Simmons, Lauren St. Clair, Aileen Taylor, Jowanna Tillman, Susan Vogtner, Teresa Ward, Anita Webb, Steven Whitefield.

Excused: Sonda Abernathy, Kim Barker, Kimberly Bass, Sharnai, Dodson, Cynthia Edwards, Corey Givens, Santrisa Glover, Tiffany Green-Abdullah, Lyshandra Holmes, Colleen Joyce, John Medlock, Bonte Mitchell, Richard Morris, Shelly-Ann Williams.

Absent: Amber Amari, Colleen Blanchard, Chris Connelly, Kendra Denmark, Harvey Granville, Nicolay Hammond, Cynthia Hollaway-Owens, Lindsey Hornsby, Bruce Johnson, Candice Merritt, Debra Mitchell, Patricia Nolde, Leah Seupersad, Tawanna Tookes, Sharon Ware, Ula Zachary.

Guests: Mark Becker

1. **Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.**
2. **Approval of minutes** – January minutes were approved
3. **Announcements** – Eric will be in touch with nominees for Consolidation Committee
4. **Speaker** – Mark Becker, President of Georgia State University
 - i. Progress toward Strategic Plan goal – students from all backgrounds can succeed at high rates:
 1. Update on UII Mindset
 - a. Used predictive analytics to improve progress toward graduation
 - b. Group of large public universities that reach most of the country
 - c. Both an economic and social justice imperative
 2. GSU now in top ten in increase in NIH funding
 3. Maintaining increasing enrollment
 - ii. Consolidation:
 1. GSU and GPC have long history together – more than 1200 transfer per year
 2. Take accomplishments in student success to two-year institution
 3. Core online offerings a real asset
 4. Many pathways to degree
 - iii. Campus:
 1. Request of 4.9M for Classroom South – additional teaching labs
 2. Petit Science Center – second building on site 100% programmed, and will be at capacity upon opening. Planning third building....

3. Law School – ribbon-cutting in September—fall classes will be there
4. Tax-free entity (Corveus) to operate Housing – Commons, Patton Hall, and new residence hall to open in 2016 – will break ground in April with 1150 beds and 24-hour dining
5. Small 25 Park Place Annex – for digital production space; incubator for new-media startups, research space
6. 55 Park Place – RCB and AYSPS to move in

iv. Questions from the body:

1. US News Ranking? GSU does not move up because we don't spend enough per student (lean operation), but peer reputation is improving and Presidents and Provosts complete the ranking reports....
2. Turner Field? GSU is still interested, and Mayor Reed intends for GSU to be there – waiting for the Authority to put in up for sale
3. Most Proud Of? More than 1500 more students each year are achieving degrees.

5. Senate and Committee Reports

a. Senate:

- i. Academic Programs/IS&T: no report
- ii. Admissions and Standards/Planning and Development: no report
- iii. Administrative Council: record research dollars this year
- iv. Budget: submitted graduate fees report; watching faculty salaries and benefits
- v. CBSAC: meeting next week
- vi. Commencement: graduation gowns made from recycled materials
- vii. Cultural Diversity Research: no report
- viii. FACP: proposal to eliminate activity fees for students who are only in thesis/dissertation
- ix. Faculty Affairs: met re: Administrator Evaluations
- x. IS&T: no report
- xi. Library: no report
- xii. Planning and Development: meet next week
- xiii. Statutes and Bylaws/Budget: meet tomorrow
- xiv. Student Life and Development: no report
- xv. Sustainability: on-site cleaning solutions

b. Staff Council Committees:

- i. Administrative: Staff Council elections completed; Senate elections forthcoming
- ii. Executive: meets early March
- iii. Campus Sustainability: no report
- iv. Communication: meets next week
- v. Community Relations: no report
- vi. Staff Development and Advancement: meets March 3
- vii. Staff Recognition: no report
- viii. Work-Life: no report

6. Announcements for the Good of the Body – the Wellness Task Force requests a representative from Staff Council to keep staff informed of wellness initiatives.

7. February Staff Council Meeting Adjourned – 4:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Karen Simmons