

## **Department Heads Highlights: April 16, 2015**

### **Legislative Update:**

The general assembly passed a final budget, which included funding for an instructional laboratory building to replace labs in Kell Hall. This accelerates the development of the campus master plan which includes the demolition of Kell Hall and Library Plaza, which will enable the creation of a green space through the core of campus.

- Transportation bill passed
- Medical marijuana bill passed

### **Enrollment:**

- Freshmen applications ↑ 12%
- Freshmen confirmations ↑ 9%
- Honors College applications ↑ 21%

University Housing has begun a waitlist for upperclassmen, saving 2000 beds for freshmen.

The new building is on schedule and groundbreaking is expected on May 20, 2015.

Marilyn DeLarouche will participate in the Eli Graduation Program on Monday. Congratulations to Marilyn!

### **College Knowledge:**

- Moot Court Competitions: Georgia State won, both teams in the final were from Georgia State.
- For the first time in twenty years, Georgia State has a Goldwater Scholar.
- Entrepreneurial Competitions: 22 college teams participated, 3 of the 4 Georgia State teams made it to the finals.
- Georgia State won an ACE award for transformation of the university.
- The stool which Coach Ron Hunter fell from during the NCAA tournament will be displayed in the College Basketball Hall of Fame.
- 850,000 people watched the Baylor game
- 2.4 million people tuned in for the second round game.
- 195,000 tweets during the Georgia State vs. Baylor game, a normal day is 1,000 tweets.
- Web stats for the university are up overall.

### **Development:**

Georgia State is on track to raise 40 million dollars this year.

### **Budget:**

The budget is looking good for next year.

The FY 2016 original budget submission deadline is 10 a.m. Monday, April 20, 2015 (NO EXCEPTIONS).

### **Merit Pool:**

- The merit pool for FY 2016 is 3%.

- Fund Code 10 - The university will fund 2% of the merit and each department will be responsible for funding the remaining 1%.
- All other fund codes will be responsible for funding their own merit increases.
- The merit pool calculations are based on the number of filled positions as of March 20, 2015.
- The range for merit increases is 0-10 %.

#### Economic Adjustments

- Economic Adjustments will be applied as follows:
  - Employees making less than \$30,000 will receive \$600.
  - Employees making between \$30,000 - \$39,999.99 will receive \$300.
- Fund Code 10 - The university will fund economic adjustments.  
All other fund codes will be responsible for funding the economic adjustments.

#### Research:

Dr. Ming is coming from the University of Oklahoma to Georgia State with 30 million in grants. He is one of the best cancer researchers in the world.

- Georgia State has raised 71 million dollars in research money YTD, up 38% from last year.
- We may raise over 100 million dollars for the year.
- Georgia State is in the top 50 research universities for its number of doctoral degrees granted.
- Georgia State is in the top 200 universities for expenditures on research.
- BuzzFeed named Georgia State the 8<sup>th</sup> most underrated school in the country.

#### Consolidation:

Both Dr. Stout and Dr. Holloman's committees will be meeting several times over the next 2 months.

Dr. Stout's committee has had 25 additional recommendations passed. They are working through leadership positions and Student Government structure, but everything has been positive, and consensus has been easy to attain.

Michelle Temple and Kevin Gaw completed their final reports for Dr. Holloman's group. They will be addressing Housing and Code of Conduct next, and Recreation and TRIO last in their remaining meetings over the next two months.

#### Indian Creek:

Recreational Services will expend \$500,000 to rebuild the cottage at Indian Creek, create an ADA walkway to the outdoor facilities, complete the landscaping, tree removal, and the event lawn.

#### Other Hoo-hah Frivolity:

Leslie Napp, a medical nutritionist began April 1, and will be working 40% for Counseling & Testing and the rest for Panther Dining, helping students with their nutritional education.

The psychologist for Crisis and Associate Director for Counseling & Testing will be open soon.

Vagina Monologues was a great success with a packed house.

Over 200 students participated in the March Take Back the Night event.

Healthy State: The committee meets monthly, and is reaching out for designees within the division, and will be holding a retreat for members in May.

Apple Care Customer Service has hired over 100 Georgia State students in the last year. Georgia State is their #1 hiring university. Most Apple Care workers are Georgia State students.

AT&T will be recognized for their recruitment success at Georgia State. AT&T has named Georgia State as a Target campus (Focus Campus), and Georgia State is their #1 campus for hiring.

There will be an on campus Athletic Expo, part time job fair on April 30, 2015.

Kristina Clement hosted the first Georgia State TedX event and it was an amazing success!

Kudos to Bernard for his NASPA presentation.

Parent Relations has a new hire, Andrew Berdini.

Blood drives have outgrown the exhibit area and will be hosted in a new location soon.

International Breakaway has raised \$3200 through the Crowdfunding campaign, but is hoping to still raise additional funding. Please contact Lovell directly if you would like to donate.

May 10, 10 a.m. Boyd will be hosting a building meeting for Student Center residents.

The Spotlight and Campus Events merge is almost complete.

SGA elections are complete.

Cinefest upgrade is in progress, including digital projection and professional sound system.