

Silver Jackets Meeting

Tuesday April 10, 2018

GTRI Headquarters and Conference Center, First Floor Auditorium
250 14th Street, NW

Minutes

Members Attending (24) Kathy Tomajko (Library), Ron Bohlander (GTRI), John Balsam (GTRI), Janis Goddard (OSP), Jo Freeman (Laser Dynamics), Nannette Dooley (Library), CA Johnston Folds (Language Institute), Susan Keenan (Language Institute), Steve Bomar (GTRI), Tom Horton (GTRI), Walter Allen (Purchasing), Rex Pulford (OIT), Timsey Pollard (MIRC), Sandra Thornton (Pub Policy), Greg Huseeth (OIT), Ward O. Winer (ME/COE), John Muzzy (ChBe/COE), Andy Smith (Psych), Ian Gatland (Phys), Ed Rondeau (R.E. Development), Pat Davis (COS), Jeanne Balsam (GTRI), Wayne Book (ME), Natasha Laughrun (Facilities), Andy Gerber, GTRI, Dir. (Guest).

Business Meeting

Kathy Tomajko, President, called the meeting to order and referred the attendees to the printed Speaker Introductions that were handed out, due to the President's time constraints.

Program

President G. P. "Bud" Peterson, our speaker, quickly began his talk with the highlights of the past year.

There were 31,500 freshmen applications; 23% were admitted with 45% from Georgia. There were 23,000 graduate student applications; 34% were admitted; of those admitted, 39% were international.

The GT Online degree from GT Master of Science in Computer Science (OMSCS) degree has been a huge success. There were 4,600 applicants for the OMSCS. There are 6000 now enrolled.

Dr. Peterson provided brief remarks on some of the initiatives that continued or were started this year:

- The Robotarium is a robot lab with a swarm of robots to create or achieve an objective.

- Cell Manufacturing technologies is funded by NSF, the Marcus Grant, and the State.
- The Engineered Biosystems Building opened in Fall 2017, is named for Roger and Helen Krone, and will be paid off in 3 years.
- LIGO Project (gravitational wave confirmation) received the Nobel Prize in Physics.
- Athletes graduation rate was 88%. Football and basketball was in the top 10% for the country.
- The Brandt-Fritz endowed Dean of Students chair was created.
- The Living Building (Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design) is scheduled for completion in early 2019.
- West Village dining commons is now open and serving the West Campus community and includes 5 micro-restaurants.
- The Library is in the process of being renovated and repurposed. There few books on site. Most of the Libraries' collections are located at the Library Service Center (LSC) on Briarcliff Rd. The books and articles are delivered within 24 hours. The LSC is a joint initiative between Georgia Tech and Emory.
- The GT Inventure Prize competition was held in March 2018 and GT hosted the ACC Inventure Prize competition in April.
- The Rosa Parks sculpture was unveiled in Harrison Square in April.

Steve Cross spoke next about the evolution of Tech Square. GTRI, the Colleges, and Economic Development work together on various projects and to maximize start up companies. Space around campus will be developed—14th Street, Howell Mill, and Northside Dr., also Lockheed in Cobb Co.

Jim Wallace addressed concerns of retirees, such as library access, email for life, parking, a possible retiree ID . . . he will keep us informed as things progress.

Announcements

John Balsam announced that the May speaker would be Doug Allvine, GT Asst. Athletic Director.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Goddard
Secretary