Annual Report of the Academic Services Committee for 2007-2008

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The following people served on the committee during the 2007-2008 academic year:

Bill Ballard, Executive Board                        Judith Norback, ISyE
Jess Chandler, SGA                                  Jim Sowell, Physics
Marlit Hayslett (GTRI)                              Myrtle Turner, GTRI
Nancey Green Leigh, Architecture                    Cam Tyson (CHEM)
Margaret Loper, GTRI, Chair                         Jane Weyant, CoE

The committee met eight times during the academic year to monitor infrastructure that supports research and teaching. There were two planning and organizational meetings; topics covered at other committee meetings included:

Emergency Communications: Andy Altizer, Director of Emergency Preparedness, described the services for emergencies on campus. He talked about the types of emergencies the campus trains for, how decisions are made about handling campus situations, and the email, voice, and text messaging services available for notifying students and faculty about emergency situations.

Auxiliary Services: Rosalyn Meyers, Associate VP, gave an overview of Auxiliary Services. Services discussed included the Bookstore, Buzz Cards, Dining, Housing, and Parking and Transportation.

GT Library: Richard Meyer and Julie Speer, gave the Committee an update on the Learning Center, and a presentation on Scholarly Communication and Digital Support Services.

Undergraduate Admissions: Rick Clark, Associate Director of Admissions gave an overview of the undergraduate admissions process. Topics covered included statistics on the applications for Fall 2008, the President’s Scholar program, high school requirements and the admissions process.

Graduate Student Government: Brock Wester, President, talked to us about the Graduate and Undergraduate Student Government. Specific topics included the use of student activity fees, legislative reserve accounts, and the professional development certification program. Brock requested the ASC provide a letter of support for the certificate program.

Government Relations: Betsy Jackson, gave an overview of Government Relations office and what they do for students. Specific topics included the interaction between campus and state legislators (e.g., renovations to the Henman Building funding for the ILRS, speakers on a particular topic), teaching the “State and Local Government” course in the fall semester, and the Legislative Intern Program.