

SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES  
FACULTY MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 1996  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:00 PM by Roy Bahl, Dean.

1. REPORTS

A. STAFFING - Roy Bahl introduced the heads of the two departments and several research centers and programs to the Faculty.

B. COMPUTERS

Roy Bahl indicated that we are now working with Reid Christenberry, the University's Director of Information Technology, to pilot his strategy of centralizing GSU computer support through a central server. We will be hiring 1 lead internal computer support person, and 2 workstation technicians. Interviews for the lead position are currently being held.

C. PH.D. PROGRAM

Lloyd Nigro, chairperson for the Joint Ph.D. Committee, said that the preliminary proposal for a joint Ph.D. with Georgia Tech is now at the Regents staff level. The committee that is working on this project includes the following people:

Lloyd Nigro (chairperson)  
David Audretsch  
Keith Ihlanfeldt  
Julia Melkers  
Harvey Newman  
Ted Poister  
John Thomas  
Bill Waugh  
Sally Wallace

The responsibilities of this committee are twofold: (1) To insure quality and the proper selection of internal substance of the degree, and (2) to meet with GA Tech Faculty to work out the arrangements for the joint degree. The first meeting with GATech is Oct. 25, 1996, and the internal preparatory meeting is Oct. 16, 1996.

#### D. JOINT APPOINTMENTS, RECRUITING

Roy Bahl indicated that we will be looking at hiring one Public Administration faculty person, and 2 faculty in Economics. In addition, we will have 6 joint appointments. Roy hopes that all faculty will assist in recruitment.

#### E. OTHER

Roy Bahl would like to produce a weekly or biweekly newsletter with brief information about all current projects in the SPS. He will be asking for input from all sections.

Roy Bahl said that our chances at getting the old Wachovia Building are good. It will be gutted and totally rebuilt on the inside to meet the School's needs.

Harvey Newman, of Urban Studies, talked about a program in community development, begun about one year ago through the Policy Research Center. He has been working closely with Joseph Reid, who is a special assistant to the mayor. The project deals with the Empowerment Zones throughout the country. They have set up the National Institute for Community Empowerment (NICE). Current activities include:

1. A retreat in early December for neighborhood level staff training throughout the country
2. Search of public funding to support the project

Associate Dean Paula Stephan talked about the project to obtain a U.S. Census Data Research Center in Atlanta. To date only two institutions, The National Bureau of Economic Research and Carnegie Mellon University have established centers. We would like to be the third. The center would enable us to attract visitors to work on projects and would provide access to rich data resources.

Ron Cummings invited the faculty to participate in the demonstration of the Environmental and Experimental Economics Laboratory. Gary Henry will be setting up the time and date for this experiment. Reasons to participate include fun and money.

Roy Bahl will be speaking with all faculty, beginning with non-tenured faculty in the next two weeks. His goal for all faculty in the SPS is for each person to become a leading scholar in his or her field. He asks that all faculty think about his or her professional goals in preparation for a one-on-one meeting.

Paula Stephan mentioned that she will be organizing a meeting for the SPS members of the University Senate soon.

## II. NEW BUSINESS

### A. BYLAWS

Roy handed the meeting over to Dave Sjoquist, who chaired the committee to draft the Bylaws. Dave Sjoquist presented the proposed Bylaws, and reviewed the important points. These proposed Bylaws had been distributed prior to the meeting.

Sam Skogstad and John Thomas proposed several changes to the proposed Bylaws. Their suggested amendments are attached to these minutes.

The Article VI amendment was unanimously approved.

After discussion, the Article VIII amendment proposal was split into two separate amendment proposals. John Thomas and Sam Skogstad withdrew the portion of the amendment that deals with the alternating chairperson.

The section of the Article VIII amendment which deals with the statement, "In addition to the Chairperson, the committee shall consist of four (4) faculty members, TWO FROM EACH OF THE ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS, ...", was unanimously approved.

The Article IX amendment proposal was presented, discussed, and rejected.

An alternate amendment to Article IX, section 2 was proposed by John Hutcheson, which stated that at least 3 people on the Committee on Promotions and Tenure be full professors, and that only the full professors be allowed to vote. This motion was not passed.

Richard Long proposed that the language of section 4 on page 2 of the Proposed Bylaws be changed to read "A Parliamentarian will be appointed by the Dean of the School from the membership of the Faculty." The second sentence would be deleted. This motion was unanimously accepted.

The motion for the Bylaws as amended to be accepted was unanimously approved.

### B. ELECTIONS

A call for nominees for the Faculty Affairs at large position was made. Lloyd Nigro and Greg Streib were nominated. Lloyd Nigro was elected.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:50 PM.