

**SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES
FALL FACULTY MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 1997
MINUTES**

Attendees:

David Audretsch	Felix Rioja	Katherine Willoughby
Chris Bollinger	Ross Rubenstein	
Paul Farnham	Bill Rushing	Invited Guests:
Atef Ghobrial	Bruce Seaman	Linda Calloway
Amy Helling	Dave Sjoquist	Sue Fagan
Julie Hotchkiss	Sam Skogstad	Ron Henry
Keith Ihlanfeldt	Paula Stephan	James Ledbetter
William Kahnweiler	John Thomas	Charlotte Moore
Bruce Kaufman	Jim Tonelli	Avani Raval
Edith Manns	Mary Beth Walker	William Smith
Robert Moore	Sally Wallace	Jay Stevens
Lloyd Nigro	William Waugh	Dorie Taylor
Laura Osborne	Verna Willis	Jeanie Thomas
Barbara Ray		

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Paula Stephan, Associate Dean.

I. Presentations

A. Dr. Ron Henry, Provost/VPAA

Dr. Henry presented an update on Georgia State University. Highlights included: Georgia State meets the criteria to be classified as a Research II University by the Carnegie Research Classification.

The grants and contracts awarded to the university for Fall '96 are \$37 Million.

GSU has a 31% minority enrollment. The university continues to maintain a 70% undergraduate to 30% graduate ratio.

The GSU Village is completely full, with a waiting list for students to get in.

GSU is currently in an active recruitment phase. This year 2300 freshmen were actively sought. Rolling admissions are now being used and students with a 2.3 predicted GPA will be admitted when they apply.

For the Fall '97 quarter, the number of freshmen exceeded the number of transfer students for the first time.

GSU is implementing a program in writing across the curriculum. All students will have

to take a writing intensive course.

The university is currently upgrading its Information Systems and Technology unit. The networks are being upgraded. One goal is to improve GSU's classroom technology. The University has set a goal of creating a good university database for all staff and faculty to use.

The new classroom building will have 50 classrooms.

GSU fund raising is currently in an inactive, silent stage, but will shortly actively begin soliciting to reach the \$50-60 million dollar goal by Fall '98. Currently the campaign has \$18 million dollars.

Dr. Henry also announced that the SAC'S Accreditation in conjunction with NCAA accreditation will be visiting GSU in March '98.

Georgia State is in the 3rd year of its redirection. This year the Board of Regents have required the institutions to explain where the redirection money is coming from and to actually return funds to the Board.

B. Ms. Linda Calloway, Director Office of Community Outreach and Partnership

The Atlanta Project Liaison Office now is part of the School of Policy Studies, and the name has been changed to Office of Community Outreach and Partnership. The office places students in community related services. The program has placed 26 students in the community. The office tries to promote the university through the students participating in programs in the community. The program does not only work with the School of Policy Studies, but with other colleges as well. The office will begin a Strategic Planning process during winter quarter '98. The office will reach out to organizations and assess other needs in research and teaching. All students that participate in the community receive some sort of stipend, which is a major incentive.

C. Mr. Jay Stevens, SPS Communications Manager

Jay introduced the remodeled SPS web page. The page was set up to showcase SPS to the university and to reach a wider audience than through traditional mailings and brochures. The page has links to all the departments and centers of the School of Policy Studies. The page was set up to reduce the amount of paper work. The page has been set up so that each SPS unit would have access to input updated information. The web page also is cost effective. It is easier to maintain and update the information. The web page is structured in three distinct areas: outreach, research and admissions. The majority of the information on the page will be static and will not change, therefore updating the information will be quite easy. Each center has its own page. In the future they will be able to develop on their own. The page also has an information questionnaire which when filled out goes directly via e-mail to Wanda Cooley in the Academic Assistance Office, who can then answer the appropriate questions and send out the pertinent information.

D. Mr. Sam Williams Director, SPS Career Assistance Unit

The Career Assistance Office tries to find career related jobs, and the office also provides for internships at local businesses/agencies. Currently there are more internships available than students. The office currently has a database of 1800 alumni, many of whom have assisted in providing placement of students. The office will work on putting the job listings on the SPS web page, and also advertising it throughout the campus, and in the informational handbook.

E. Dr. Jim Ledbetter, Director Health Policy Center

Dr. Ledbetter gave an overview of the Health Policy Center and its current projects. One of the projects that the center is working on is the Children's Health Insurance Initiative. This initiative when implemented will provide health insurance to uninsured children. Just in Georgia there are 214,000 children that do not have health insurance. The initiative will provide \$570 million federal grant and the state will provide an additional \$240 million. The initiative that the Health Policy Center is working on will provide the guidelines that the states can implement with some leeway. GSU will monitor the plan, and the initiative should be implemented by August 1998.

The Health Policy Center is also conducting a study on the migration of people to managed care, and what kind of impact it would have on the community. The funding has been provided by Medicaid.

F. Dr. Dave Sjoquist, Director Fiscal Research Center

Dr. Sjoquist gave an overview of the Fiscal Research Center and its accomplishments under former director Hank Huckaby, and its future programs. The mission of the program is to inform the debate on fiscal issues confronting state and local governments, with the focus being on Georgia. The goal of the program is to become the best fiscal program in the South.

G. Dr. John Thomas and Dr. Sam Skogstad: Introduction of new faculty

Two new faculty members were introduced by Dr. John Thomas. Dr. Verna Willis who joined the School of Policy Studies in Human Resource Development and Dr. Ross Rubenstein, the first joint appointment between Education and SPS.

Dr. Sam Skogstad also introduced Dr. Felix Rioja who joined the Economics department from Arizona State University.

H. Dr. John Thomas - State Charitable Contributions Program - SPS' update

Dr. John Thomas gave the School of Policy Studies update on the State Charitable Contributions Program for Dr. Didi Manns. As of November 5th, the University had reached 30% of it's goal to raise \$130,000. The School of Policy Studies has already surpassed last years contribution. The School would like to have 100% participation, and that goal can be attained.

II. Old Business

The minutes were approved as distributed.

III Dean's Report - Given by Paula Stephan.

- A.** Roy Bahl is currently in South Africa working on a number of initiatives. He work includes Coca Cola; the World Bank and the University of Pretoria in South Africa.
- B.** There will be a memorial service for Richard McHugh during the Southern Economic Association Meeting on Saturday, November 22 at 11 a.m. at the Hilton Hotel & Towers.
- C.** The plans for the building are in the works and an expected move in date for the new building is January 1999.
- D.** There was a change in the faculty meeting for the Winter Quarter 1998, and a new calendar representing the change was distributed.
- E.** A joint appointment between Law and SPS was approved and a search for candidates is currently occurring. The positions will reside in the School of Policy Studies. Another joint appointment between the Department of Political Science and SPS was approved and recruiting is underway. This position will be in survey and polling. The position will reside in the College of Arts & Sciences.
- F.** The GSU Senate has stated that the colleges must identify graduate faculty, and begin to implement a graduate policy. The Faculty Affairs Committee was charged with developing a plan for SPS.

IV Academic Assistance Report - Sue Fagan

- A.** Semester conversion seems to be on track. The three semester hour courses have been finalized. The first draft of the "mini mester" is currently under work. There will be less classroom time under this format, which will be short and compressed.
- B.** Approval of Candidates for Graduation. Sue Fagan presented the candidates for graduation. The list passed unanimously.

V. Committee Reports

- A.** Dr. Lloyd Nigro presented the revision of the appeals procedure by the faculty affairs committee. The new procedures passed unanimously.
- B.** Dr. Barbara Ray presented the report for the Academic Programs Committee. The committee was resting this quarter after a summer of intense work. In the new semester catalog, the College of Arts & Sciences opened up "Area B" of the curriculum. Area B concentrates on two courses, Scientific Perspectives on Global Problems (2 hrs), and Scientific Perspectives on Comparative Culture (2 hrs). Students can elect which course they would like to see offered. Proposals

for courses in Area B are to be due by November 21, 1997.

VI Elections

A. Election of P&T Committee for 1997-1998:

Dr. Dave Sjoquist nominated Dr. Jorge Martinez and Dr. Atef Ghobrial to serve for 2 year terms. The nominations were approved by acclamation.

B. Election of Faculty Affairs Committee for 1997-1998:

Dr. Nigro nominated Dr. Harvey Newman and Ted Poister. The nominations were approved unanimously by acclamation.

C. Election for Academic Programs Committee for 1997-1998:

Chairperson Dr. Barbara Ray asked for nominations from the floor. Dr. Skogstad nominated Dr. John Hutcheson, and Dr. Robert Moore. The nominations were approved by acclamation.

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.