

**SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES  
WINTER FACULTY MEETING  
FEBRUARY 24, 1998  
MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

Roy Bahl	William Kahnweiler	David Sjoquist
Dianne Brackin	Edith Manns	Samuel Skogstad
Sue Fagan	Jorge Martinez	Paula Stephan
Paul Farnham	Julia Melkers	James Stephens
Michael Foster	Robert Moore	Greg Streib
Atef Ghobrial	Harvey Newman	Peter Terrebonne
Carol Hansen	Laura Osborne	Jeanie Thomas
Amy Helling	Theodore Poister	John Thomas
Gary Henry	Avani Raval	Mary Beth Walker
John Hogan	Barbara Ray	Tom Weyandt
Julie Hotchkiss	Donata Renfrow	Verna Willis
Ken Hubbell	Felix Rioja	Katherine Willoughby
Keith Ihlanfeldt	Ross Rubenstein	

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM by Roy Bahl, Dean.

**I. Old Business**

The minutes were approved as distributed.

**II. Introduction/Presentations**

**A.** Introduction of New Faculty:  
Sam Skogstad introduced Ken Hubbell. He is a visiting professor of Economics from the University of Missouri, Kansas City. He is working with the Economics Department as well as the Fiscal Research Program.

John Thomas introduced Mike Foster. He comes to GSU from Vanderbilt University. Mike is a joint appointment between PAUS and the School of Nursing.

**B.** Roy Bahl introduced Dianne Brackin. She is the School of Policy Studies' new Director of Development. She will be in charge of fund-raising and events hosted by the school.

- C. Roy Bahl introduced Donata Renfrow. She recently joined the School of Policy Studies, and has an Interpersonal Agency Transfer Opportunity (IPA). She is currently at Georgia Tech working for the Army's Environmental Policy Institute. She is aiding them in their communication area. Currently she is working to develop their budget testimony for the environment, with an approximate funding of \$1.5 Billion.
- D. Roy Bahl introduced James Stephens, Director of the Program for Rehabilitation Leadership (PRL). The program has been at Georgia State University since 1978, and it has been administratively attached to PAUS.

The program consists of two Regional Rehabilitation Continuing Education Programs (RRCEPs). The first serves leadership and management needs of personnel in 12 state rehabilitation agencies in eight southeastern states. The other program serves the learning needs of personnel employed in over 750 community rehabilitation programs (CRPs) in the same southeastern states. The areas covered by the programs include management, supervisory skills, leadership development, strategic planning and visioning, and other mainstream learning areas. An area for future development is in the same services, but provided through distance education learning.

- E. Roy Bahl introduced the three faculty members who joined the School of Policy Studies from the College of Education. They are: Carol Hansen, Bill Kahnweiler, and Verna Willis who are faculty members of PAUS in the area of Human Resource Development. Bill Kahnweiler was asked by Roy to give a description of what Human Resource Development is and how it relates to the School of Policy Studies.

Human Resource Development relates to a multitude of practices in the workplace. The program helps employees perform to the best of their abilities by focusing on application of human effectiveness in the workplace. The program affects all facets of organizations profit, non-profit and governments. The program draws students from all fields.

- F. Roy Bahl introduced John Hogan, the former dean of the College of Business Administration. He is currently a faculty member in Economics and Finance and is teaching courses in Economics.
- G. Roy Bahl introduced Didi Manns. She is the School of Policy Studies Chairperson for the staff/faculty campaign for 1998 and the Summer 1998 SPS Internship Program.

The program asks staff and faculty to donate money back to GSU, and to designate what program the money will be used for. Each program is designated by a fund number. Last year, the School of Policy Studies had a 92% giving rate, best in the university. This year SPS would like to match, and even better the rate.

Unit coordinators will be coming around to visit with individuals to discuss and answer questions about the program.

The School of Policy Studies has been a summer internship program in which prospective undergraduate students would be able to work at GSU in any of the research centers. We are distributing 5000 brochures to public and private schools throughout the U.S. This year's program will select up to 8 students who will work in a research center, and also attend weekly seminar sessions. The intern could receive five credit hours. All interns will receive a stipend. This program is an excellent way to showcase to schools and prospective students the School of Policy Studies programs and research.

### **III Dean's Report**

#### **A. Recruiting**

The School of Policy Studies has been actively searching to fill vacant faculty positions. There have been many good candidates that have come to SPS and given seminars and met faculty members. There have been some offers made, and many have not made up their minds as to where they would like to be employed.

#### **Economics Recruiting Update - Sam Skogstad**

Mike McKee, from New Mexico State University, will be a visiting professor in Economics and will be working in the Environmental Economics Center.

For the Regional Economics position, Mr. Kelley Edmiston has been offered the position. He is currently finishing of his Ph.D. at the University of Tennessee.

Gary Henry announced that Richard Chard will be joining the School of Policy Studies as a joint appointment with the Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies and the Department of Political Science. He comes to SPS as a high quality faculty member with expertise in Health Policy.

#### **Public Administration & Urban Studies Recruiting Update - John Thomas**

An offer has been tendered to Arthur Brooks, from the RAND Graduate School in Santa Monica, for the Public/Non-profit position.

A joint appointment offer between Public Administration and Urban Studies and the College of Law was made to a candidate, but she declined.

Two candidates, Marion Orr and Ramona Burton, are being interviewed Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>. One candidate is for a position in PAUS, and the other is for a position in Education.

Tom Weyandt announced that Research Atlanta is actively recruiting for an Associate Director.

Roy Bahl congratulated Ross Rubenstein on receiving the outstanding dissertation

award by the Education Finance Association. Another piece of evidence that the School of Policy Studies hires outstanding faculty members.

**B. Russia Project**

Dean Bahl announced that the School of Policy Studies through the guidance of Jorge Martinez, single-handedly won the largest grant made available to the University! \$19.6 million over three years. The USAID grant is to assist and advise the Russian government, the Duma, and five regions outside Moscow on tax policies. The GSU/SPS office in Moscow is now in operation with Sally Wallace, Brad Moore, and two Russian tax experts. There are a number of sub-contractors working on the project, including John Wilkins' office of Tax Analysis in Washington. The project will be hiring more staff as the need arises.

**C. New Building**

The new building plans are under way. Even with all the available space, there still will not be enough room in the new building for all the sections of SPS. It will be at least one more year before the new building will be ready.

**D. Other**

U.S. News and World Report released its rankings for Universities offering Public Affairs Master's Degree. Georgia State University ranked 36<sup>th</sup> out of 125 schools surveyed with a 3.3 ranking out of possible 4.5 points. The school did well in specialization rankings, in Public Administration. Two of their programs were ranked very high on the list: Public Finance and Budget ranked 11<sup>th</sup> and City Management/Urban Policy ranked 16<sup>th</sup>.

Paula Stephan announced that the American Association of Higher Education (AAHE) will be holding its conference in Atlanta this year. She encouraged faculty and GRA/GTA's to attend the conference.

The School of Policy Studies moved Honor's Days from May 13<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**IV. New Business**

**A. Approval of Candidates for Graduation - Sue Fagan**

Sue Fagan presented the candidates for graduation during Winter Quarter 1998 commencement ceremonies. The list passed unanimously.

**B. Faculty Affairs Committee Report - by Harvey Newman**

Harvey Newman handed out the draft of the Graduate Faculty Membership for the School of Policy Studies. The draft was to be looked over by the faculty, and any questions/changes, etc were to be e-mailed back to Lloyd Nigro. A formal vote will occur at the Spring Faculty Meeting. The Graduate Faculty Membership is being mandated university wide.

**C. Academic Program Committee Report - Barbara Ray**

Both the undergraduate and graduate catalogs for SPS were close to publication. The only work remaining is detailing and fine tuning. There are seven courses in PAUS that are joint listed with Arts and Sciences.

There were two electronic votes held before the faculty meeting. PAUS Course # 8141, Microeconomics for Public Policy passed by a margin of 21 yes to 2 no. Econ 8740, Statistical Foundation of Economics also passed by a margin of 18 yes to 0 no.

**D. Election of Faculty to Serve on Evaluation Committees.**

David Sjoquist nominated John Thomas to serve on the triennial evaluation committee of President Carl Patton. There were no other nominations and John Thomas was unanimously elected.

John Thomas nominated Didi Manns to serve on the triennial evaluation committee of Vice President of Development, Bob McGinnis. There were no other nominations, and Didi Manns was unanimously elected.

Sam Skogstad nominated Mary Beth Walker to serve on the triennial evaluation committee of Vice President for External Affairs, Tom Lewis. There were no other nominations, and Mary Beth Walker was unanimously elected.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.