

**SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES
SPRING FACULTY MEETING
MAY 5, 1998
MINUTES**

Attendees:

Roy Bahl	Ken Hubbell	David Sjoquist
Dianne Brackin	Keith Ihlanfeldt	Samuel Skogstad
Ron Cummings	Julia Melkers	Paula Stephan
Jennifer Edwards	Harvey Newman	Greg Streib
Sue Fagan	Lloyd Nigro	Laura Taylor
Paul Farnham	Avani Raval	Peter Terrebonne
Michael Foster	Barbara Ray	Jeanie Thomas
Atef Ghobrial	Felix Rioja	John Thomas
Amy Helling	Ross Rubenstein	William Waugh
Gary Henry	Bruce Seaman	Verna Willis
Julie Hotchkiss	Saloua Sehilli	Katherine Willoughby

The meeting was called to order at 2:12 PM by Roy Bahl, Dean.

I. Old Business

The minutes of the Winter Faculty Meeting (February 24, 1998) were approved as distributed.

II. Introduction/Presentations

A. Introduction of New Personnel:

Roy Bahl introduced Jennifer Edwards. She is a Senior Associate in the Health Policy Center. She comes to SPS from Brandeis University where she was a Deputy Director, the Center for Vulnerable Populations and Senior Associate, Institute for Health Policy. Her background is in Health care, and health policy.

Dave Sjoquist announced that Mary Baumgartner is a visiting scholar on a project in the Fiscal Research Program. Mary received her Ph.D. in economics from Georgia State University.

Dave Sjoquist introduced Saloua Sehilli. She is a visiting scholar on a project in the Fiscal Research Program. She received her Ph.D. in economics from Georgia State. She was recently a senior colleague at CERGE in the Czech Republic working with Rubin Saposnik.

B. VOAP - Ron Cummings

The Voluntary Ozone Action Program has been set up to forecast ozone conditions in the Metro Atlanta area and attempt to lower ozone levels. The program involves specialists from Georgia Tech and from the Atmospheric Division of the EPD. Currently the program predicts ozone for one day in advance, but is striving for three or more days in order to give advance notice of high ozone days.

On high ozone days, the action plan's goal is to encourage people to cut down the number of single occupancy vehicles on the road, refuel cars after dark, and stagger commute times and working hours.

There are similar plans in place in other metropolitan regions such as Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, DC. The Atlanta program is unique compared to the others. It has a first rate forecasting team of experts onboard. The Atlanta program also has the backing of federal, state and local governments, with leadership from Governor Zell Miller.

The Governor has asked the state to step up to bat. One third of the employees in the Atlanta Metro area are in the public sector. There are 26,000 state employees and 44,000 federal employees. On December 4, 1997, the governor passed a resolution asking all state departments and universities to reduce single occupancy vehicles by 20% during ozone action days during the summer of 1998, and in the future to reduce SOV's by 20% every summer day.

The governor has also asked the top 100 companies to also step up to bat, and implement the VOAP plan. The governor also sent a letter to President Clinton asking for federal agencies in the metro area to set up a counterpart program. Just last week, Vice President Gore announced that federal agencies will implement a similar program. The city of Atlanta, along with some metro counties such as Gwinnett and Fulton have also announced that they will implement a VOAP plan.

Once the plans have been set in place, analysis will be performed to see if the plans are effective. The state Department of Transportation has a tally of traffic in the metro region for the last seven years. This enormous data set will give the VOAP team a guideline to measure increases and decreases in traffic flows around Metro Atlanta.

A future project of the VOAP team is to produce a weather type map that will show high ozone regions, as well as forecasts of high ozone days.

C. Web Exchange - Julia Melkers

The faculty members involved in the Web Exchange information meeting are Julia Melkers, Julie Hotchkiss, and Greg Streib. The Web Exchange allows faculty members to post class syllabi on the web.

PAUS faculty want to move one step further and have the Web Exchange page

with the syllabi linked to the faculty members homepage. This will allow the student to communicate to the faculty member and allow for instant responses and thereby save valuable time. The Web Exchange site can offer course offerings and course content.

Another program involving the web is Web CT. This new resource will allow people to simultaneously work on papers, get involved in chat rooms, have the ability to have grades posted, and have links to faculty homepages.

Greg Streib also inputted that there will be no cost for this service. The only cost to faculty will be the time involved in posting the content on the web and keeping it updated.

III Dean's Report

A. Recruiting

Roy Bahl announced that there are three additions to PAUS.

Greg Lewis joins SPS from American University. He is an excellent candidate, with top ten credentials. He will also take on the responsibility of director of the new joint Ph.D. in Public Policy with Georgia Tech.

Arthur Brooks comes to SPS from the RAND Graduate School of Management where he is completing his doctorate. His area of focus is the non-profit sector.

Richard Chard also joins the SPS. He will be a joint appointment with the Departments of Political Science and Public Administration and Urban Studies and will work with the Applied Research Center.

Roy Bahl also announced that there were five additions to Economics.

Neven Valev joins the Economics Department from the Krannert Graduate School of Management at Purdue University. He is fluent in Russian, which compliments the Russia Project, and works on currency board issues..

Shiferaw Gurmu comes to SPS from the University of Virginia. He has excellent econometric skills which will enhance the economics department.

Melinda Pitts also joins SPS from Salisbury State. Her expertise are in health and human resources economics. She will be a joint appointment in Economics and Department of Social Work.

Kelly Edmiston will also join the Economics department in the Fall. He is completing his doctorate at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. His field of expertise is in Urban and Regional Economics.

Ben Scafidi joins the Economics department in the Fall as an applied

microeconomist. He comes to SPS from the Center of Naval Analysis in Virginia. He will be a joint appointment between economics and Public Administration and Urban Studies.

B. New SPS Building

The architects are still in the process of designing the plans. There have been some problems, but they are moving forward.

C. Budget - by Paula Stephan

The university approved funding for three new faculty positions in SPS.

D. Summer Intern Program for Rising Seniors - Paula Stephan

In March, SPS mailed out brochures to many institutions announcing the summer intern program. Forty five responses were received from across the US and 16 were selected. Telephone interview were conducted. The interns receive a \$2500 stipend for working in the research centers. John Thomas is organizing a weekly seminar for the interns.

E. Annual Campaign - Dianne Brackin

70% of SPS has given to the Annual Campaign. It is a good rate, but not as good as last years rate of 93%. SPS is trying to get as close to 80% as possible. The amount given is not important, but the participation rate is. Dave Sjoquist stated that there have been some reporting problems originating from the Development office. Some units have reported that the reports do not accurately reflect the donation rate.

F. Orientation for New Faculty in the Fall - Paula Stephan

There will be a formal SPS orientation in the Fall for the new faculty that have been hired. This will give them an idea of what SPS does and its future goals and its impact to the community. Paula Stephan would like to have suggestions e-mailed to her to develop the orientation program.

G. Annual Report - Roy Bahl

The 1997 SPS Annual Report will soon be out.

IV. New Business

A. Approval of Candidates for Graduation - Sue Fagan

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

B. Faculty Affairs Committee Report - Lloyd Nigro

The Faculty Affairs Committee had quite a busy quarter. The members were involved on the Dean Search Committee, and worked on policy for Graduate Faculty Membership. The University has asked all of the colleges to develop guidelines for Graduate Faculty Members. The Faculty Affairs Committee developed the guidelines for the School of Policy Studies and the Graduate

Faculty Membership guidelines were handed out, and the floor was opened up for discussion. Many faculty suggested that the guidelines be reviewed over the next two weeks, and comments be sent back to the committee or Lloyd Nigro, the Chair.

C. Academic Program Committee Report - Paul Farnham

Paul Farnham reported for Barbara Ray that there was no report from the Academic Programs Committee.

D. P&T Committee Report - David Sjoquist

The P&T Committee received comments from the Provost on three-year faculty reviews. A memo was sent out by David Sjoquist outlining the changes that were to be introduced during the Spring Faculty Meeting for the SPS P&T Manual.

The adoption of changes were reviewed, voted on, and passed.

David Sjoquist also introduced the SPS Third Year Review document. The floor was opened for discussion. The document was reviewed and changes were made.

The document passed was to be inserted in the P&T Manual.

E. Election of Faculty to Serve on SPS Committees.

Academic Programs Committee

From Economics, Paul Farnham was nominated and elected by acclamation.

From PAUS, Katherine Willoughby was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Both will serve 2 year terms that expire in the Spring of 2000.

Promotion & Tenure Committee

From Economics, Mary Beth Walker was nominated and elected by acclamation.

From PAUS, Ted Poister was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Both will serve 3 year terms that expire in the Spring of 2001.

Dean Bahl asked David Sjoquist to remain on as chair of the Promotion & Tenure Committee. David Sjoquist accepted and will be chair for one year, expiring in the Spring of 1999.

Faculty Affairs Committee

From Economics, Bill Rushing was nominated and elected by acclamation.

From PAUS, Bill Waugh was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Bruce Seaman, from Economics was elected as the at-large member.

All three will serve two year terms that expire in Spring of 2000.

F. Other

Sue Fagan announced that the SPS Graduate Catalog had its first draft completed on January 16th. On April 18th, the draft came back for revision, and the final copy will be delivered by the end of June.

Roy Bahl announced that Sue Fagan won the 1997 Sparks Award.

Roy Bahl also announced that SPS' Honors Day will be on May 26th at the Commerce Club, and encouraged all faculty members to support it.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.