

**SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES  
FALL FACULTY MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 1998  
MINUTES**

Attendees:

Roy Bahl	Bill Kahnweiler	Bill Rushing
Dianne Brackin	Greg Lewis	Ben Scafidi
Arthur Brooks	Edith Manns	David Sjoquist
Rick Charles	Julia Melkers	Samuel Skogstad
Kelly Edmiston	Bob Moore	Charlotte Steeh
Sue Fagan	Shannon Mudd	Paula Stephan
Paul Farnham	Lloyd Nigro	Greg Streib
Shiferaw Gurmu	Melinda Pitts	Laura Taylor
Carol Hansen	Avani Raval	Jeanie Thomas
Amy Helling	Barbara Ray	Mary Beth Walker
Gary Henry	Betsy Robertson	William Waugh
Julie Hotchkiss	Ross Rubenstein	Katherine Willoughby

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 P.M. by Roy Bahl, Dean.

**I. Old Business**

The minutes of the Spring Faculty Meeting (May 5, 1998) were approved as distributed.

**II. Presentations**

**A. Introduction of new faculty and research associates.**

John Thomas introduced Greg Lewis, who joined the School of Policy Studies Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies as professor and director of the Joint Ph.D. program in Public Policy with Georgia Tech. Greg Lewis has been ranked as one of the ten most productive faculty members in the U.S. in Public Administration. He joins SPS from American University in Washington, DC.

Arthur Brooks joins the School of Policy Studies Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies as an assistant professor with specialties in Policy Analysis. He will be the principal faculty member in the area of non-profit. He joins SPS from the RAND Graduate School.

Rick Charles joins the Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies, and will take on the responsibility of the Aviation Program. He is completing his Ph.D. in Political Science at GSU.

Richard Chard joins SPS from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He is a joint appointment in the Departments of Public Administration and Urban Studies and the Department of Political Science. He will also be working in the Applied Research Center.

Ben Scafidi also joins the school as a joint appointment in the Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies and the Department of Economics. He comes to SPS from the Center of Naval Analysis in Virginia.

Gary Henry introduced Charlotte Steeh, who joins the Applied Research Center. She is well known for her publications, especially her book "Racial Attitudes in America: Trends and Interpretations." She comes to SPS from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

Mary Beth Walker and Paula Stephan introduced new faculty members in the Department of Economics.

Shiferaw Gurmu joins the School from the University of Virginia. His econometric skills are an excellent addition to the Economics Department.

Melinda Pitts joins the School as a joint appointment between the Department of Economics and the Department of Social Work. She comes from Salisbury State, and her expertise is in the area of health and human resources related to economics.

Kelly Edmiston joins the Department of Economics from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. His expertise is in Urban and Regional Economics.

Shannon Mudd is a visiting scholar in the Department of Economics. Shannon's Ph.D. is from Chicago and he has recently been working in Moscow.

## **B. Introduction of new Director of Public Relations**

Paula Stephan introduced Betsy Robertson, who joins the School of Policy Studies as the new Director of Public Relations. She comes to SPS from Kennesaw State University, where she was the public relations person for the business school. She was also the editor for the KSU Now, their newspaper. She has worked with various publications such as recruitment material, brochures, media relations and media inquiries.

## **C. Dean's Report**

### **SPS Building**

The plans for the building have been approved, and Winter Construction firm's bid was successfully approved. Unfortunately the building budget has a \$2.4 million shortfall. About \$1.4 million of that will be gained from other university areas. We'll look for the other million. Eight million dollars has been committed to the building so far.

Paul Rosser, Chairman of Rosser International, an Architectural and Engineering firm headquartered in Atlanta, has agreed to lead the School of Policy Studies external advisory board.

Funding for the joint chair in Education Policy in honor of Dan Sweat is close to being complete. The faculty member who will hold the chair will hold a joint appointment in both the School of Policy Studies and the College of Education.

### **SPS Annual Report**

Every year, the School of Policy Studies produces an Annual Report. This publication is an important part of the School, in that it showcases all of our accomplishments during the past year. Please ensure that your entries are submitted on a timely basis.

### **Enrollment Issues**

The problem with enrollment is not just a college issue, but it is a university wide issue. Two key factors are responsible for the drop in enrollment. First the University System of Georgia switched all state schools from a quarter system to a semester system beginning with the Fall 1998 semester. At the same time, Georgia State University raised their enrollment standards.

Some of the drop in enrollment can be attributed to the transition from Quarter system to a Semester system. For example, many students did not enroll in an equivalent number of hours. But there are also long-term issues. The School needs all faculty and staff to play a larger roll in attracting new students into SPS programs. Suggested ways in attracting students are dressing up courses to make them more intriguing, take an active roll in advising, and publicizing the courses.

John Thomas and the faculty from HRD proposed a program with IBM to implement an on-site MPA program. This would enable the Public Administration program to gain a foothold in key businesses, and also promote SPS. Another key element of this is that it will increase enrollment numbers and can attract students into other programs. IBM is willing to donate space such as classrooms. Carol Hansen is beginning to meet with key

business people to see if a program such as the IBM one can be set up at other locations.

### **Sam Skogstad discussed the South Africa Initiative**

In conjunction with the University of Pretoria, we are proposing a Master of Arts in Economic Policy. The program would be crafted for the South Africans who work in the Economic Ministry. If this works, with or without USAID, the program will produce approximately 20-30 students per year on a year round basis. We hope to set up a similar program with the Nigerian government. It has the potential to produce up to 40 students per year.

Sue Fagan reported that two faculty members along with her attended the phonathon to answer questions about the SPS program during recruitment. Laura Taylor and Mike Foster attended the sessions, which produced some potential students in the program.

Attendees for the Panther night will be Mike Foster and Rick Charles. They work with the Chairs and directors to publicize GSU programs.

SPS has new brochures produced by Betsy Robertson, for the Ph.D. in Economics, the Undergraduate Urban Policy Studies program.

John Thomas and Harvey Newman attended the freshman orientation classes to speak about problems related to the city.

Roy Bahl showed the SPS ad in the GSU Signal promoting a pre-rush hour class, and also the Global Cities course. Departments need to be creative in ways to publicize their courses to attract new students.

Roy Bahl urged that we pay attention to advising, recruit students, and if we don't try to address the situation now, the enrollment numbers will not increase. It is not a transitional problem.

### **Grades for Graduating Seniors**

Grades for Graduating seniors need to be in before grades for non-graduating students for the Fall Semester. The time between final exams and Commencement does not allow enough time for the registrar to get grades calculated, and the graduation office to clear students for graduation. Sue has a list of students are signed up for graduation this semester. Please ensure that their grades are in by the deadline. The President has stated that GSU will continue to pass out real diplomas during commencement.

### **SPS Holiday Party**

SPS Holiday party is on December 9, 1998 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Fairlie Poplar Grill and Café. Please spread the word to all SPS personnel.

### **State Charitable Contributions Program – Didi Manns**

The State Charitable Contributions Program for the 1998-1999 year is about half way through its campaign. The participation rate for the School is at about 50%, and our dollar amount is above last year's. Keep up the good work, and let's try to be the top participating academic unit.

## **III. New Business**

### **A. Approval of Candidates for Graduation – Sue Fagan**

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

### **B. Faculty Affairs Committee Report – Bill Rushing for Keith Ihlanfeldt**

Teaching/Workload Policy. The teaching/workload policy is currently in discussion.

Conflict of Interest Policy. The conflict of interest policy draft was distributed. It is now being debated in committees. If faculty members have any questions or comments about the document please contact the committee members.

### **C. Academic Programs Committee Report – Paul Farnham.**

The committee members were introduced: Bob Moore, Felix Rioja, Katherine Willoughby, John Hutcheson, Paul Farnham, and Sue Fagan. Paul Farnham passed out the Academic Programs Committee Report. Please refer to the handouts from the meeting for information concerning:

1. The role and jurisdiction of the Academic Programs Committee;
2. The learning communities concept. It is a grouping of core courses loosely tied to a common theme. The school has proposed four communities at the undergraduate level.
3. Proposed computer use policy for the Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies. The computer use policy is a good idea for faculty to communicate with students and to promote technology. Paula Stephan stated that the committee would like to implement a school wide policy using the same criteria. The PAUS department policy was approved during the meeting.
4. The Economics Department has submitted proposed changes in Area F and Area H for the B.A. and B.S. degrees in economics. These changes have been approved by the Economics Department and the Academic Program Committee. The Committee recommends approval by the faculty. The proposed changes were unanimously approved.

5. Greg Lewis has submitted proposed changes in the field requirements for the joint Ph.D. in public policy. These have been approved by the coordinating committee for that program and the Academic Program Committee. The Committee recommends approval by the faculty. The proposed changes were unanimously approved.

**IV. Recruiting**

- A. The school has eight slots to fill. We will have many candidates coming to the school to give seminars in a short period of time. All faculty should take time to attend the seminars, and to meet candidates.

**V. Other Business**

- A. GSU Basketball tickets. The school has purchased season tickets to the GSU Men's Basketball games. If anyone is interested in attending, please see Avani Raval.
- B. Some sad news. Barbara Ray will be retiring at the end of the Fall Semester. She has given the university 27 productive years. The school wishes her luck.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.