

**ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES
FALL MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 1999
MINUTES**

Attendees:

Anne Bramlette	Susan Laury	Sam Skogstad
Arthur Brooks	Greg Lewis	Dave Sjoquist
Rick Charles	Jon Mansfield	Paula Stephan
Kelly Edmiston	Julia Melkers	Greg Streib
Sue Fagan	Bob Moore	Laura Taylor
Paul Farnham	Shannon Mudd	Jeanie Thomas
Mike Foster	Harvey Newman	John Thomas
Sally Fowler	Lloyd Nigro	Neven Valev
Shiferaw Gurmu	Melinda Pitts	Mary Beth Walker
Amy Helling	Theodore Poister	William Waugh
Gary Henry	Avani Raval	David Van Slyke
John Hogan	Felix Rioja	Verna Willis
Julie Hotchkiss	Betsy Robertson	Yongshen Xu
Keith Ihlanfeldt	Christine Roch	
Bill Kahnweiler	Ben Scafidi	

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 P.M. by Paula Stephan, Associate Dean.

I. Old Business

The minutes of the Summer Meeting (July 22, 1999) were approved as distributed.

II. Presentations

**A. Ron Henry, Provost/VPAA
Strategic Plan**

The university strategic plan for the years 2000-2005 will concentrate on teaching, research and service. Georgia State University is the only urban research university in the state. There are 32 state institutions, of which four are research institutions; University of Georgia, Medical College of Georgia, Georgia Institute of Technology and Georgia State University.

The university would like to strengthen its academic programs. The university has attained Carnegie Classification II by reaching a goal of \$15 million in federal grants and graduating 50 or more Ph.D.'s per year. The

Carnegie Classification has been changed for the current year, and GSU must requalify.

GSU wants to build on strength. The Robinson College of Business has a ranked part-time MBA program, along with ranked departments of Computer Information Systems and Risk Management and Insurance. It also houses the well-known Economic Forecasting Center. The College of Law has a nationally recognized tax clinic. The College of Arts and Sciences has proposed the centers for Biotech and Drug Design, Brain Science and Health, and Environmental Research. The Andrew Young School of Policy Studies has joint appointments across departments, The Russia Tax Project, the Applied Research Center, and the Health Policy Center.

The Strategic Plan will focus on academic community partnerships, international initiatives, writing across the curriculum, interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary collaboration, and the center for teaching and learning.

The university will also improve on its infrastructure. There will be a strategic plan for information technology and we will be upgrading networking of campus buildings. The university also plans to increase the availability of hardware and software, along with technical support for staff, faculty and students. GSU will also improve classroom technology. It will be opening the new classroom building, the Alpharetta Center, and a new recreation center.

GSU's comprehensive campaign to raise \$75 million is well underway.

Context for 1999 Action Plan

GSU is coping with conversion from the quarter system to the semester system. Credit hours were down by 19% last year. They are currently down 12% this year. The main reason for the decline in hours is that students are not taking a full course load. This year there will be no new money for the university.

There are on-going evaluations: the response to SACS/NCAA reports, and the Academic Programs Review. There will also be an administrative and support unit assessment. The goal is to focus on customer service. Due to the recent retirements and vacancies of vice presidents, there will be an examination of the administrative structure. Cleon Arrington retired on 8/1/1999, Jim Scott left on 9/1/1999, and Bill Decatur left on 9/1/1999.

Students

Students have been more traditional in the past. GSU has increased the quality of incoming freshmen. Students are more demanding, and consumer oriented. The university wants to be a student-centered institution. There is currently an assessment of student learning outcomes. There are reviews of

core curriculums and materials. There will be more emphasis placed on academic advisement and having students involved in undergraduate research, service learning, and internships.

Additional information about GSU's strategic plan can be found on the web at: http://www.gsu.edu/~wwwsen/strategic_plan/

B. Introduction of New Faculty

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John Thomas introduced three new faculty members.

Christine Roch joins the department of Public Administration and Urban Studies as an assistant professor from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Her specialties are in urban policy and education policy and research methods.

David Van Slyke joins the department as an assistant professor from the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs at the State University of New York at Albany. His specialties are in nonprofit leadership, privatization, and public management systems and strategies.

Judith Ottoson joins the department as an associate professor from the University of British Columbia. Her specialties include evaluation research and community health promotion and education. She will also work closely with the Applied Research Center.

Economics

Sam Skogstad introduced three new faculty members.

Jim Alm joins the department as a professor from the University of Colorado at Boulder. His specialties include public economics.

Susan Laury joins the department as an assistant professor from the University of South Carolina. Her specialties are includes macroeconomics, and experimental economics.

Yongsheng Xu joins the department as an associate professor from the University of Manchester in England. His specialties include microtheory and mathematics of economists.

C. Dean's Report

Winter construction delivered the pricing for the new building. The estimates were higher than before. The bid from Winter and the subcontractors came in at \$14 million. The state gave \$8 million and GSU has given \$2 million, and we are now \$4 million short. The university is looking internally for the

shortfall, since AYSPS occupies space that other units desperately want. The signage for the building is ready to be put up, but the lease has not been signed. One hundred percent of the plans for all floors have been completed.

Sally Wallace is back from Russia. Additionally, many other faculty have had international travels: Ross Rubenstein, Jim Alm, Shannon Mudd, Sam Skogstad, and Roy Bahl.

Ron Cummings will be taking his portable lab to South Africa. Jim Ledbetter will be traveling to South Africa to work on the disabilities initiative.

Innovative Programs

The Andrew Young School of Policy Studies will be teaching courses at Delta Air Lines facilities on Aviation.

The Environmental Policy Center will be working with Albany State University in setting up a joint program on water.

Special Events

The School will be having our Holiday Party on December 14th. We encourage all to RSVP for the event.

The School will also be hosting a homecoming event in February.

Development - Anne Bramlette

The School has a large number of alumni, which we can tap as donors for the school. Many of them do not even know that they are part of the school.

The School has submitted a proposal to UPS, and we should know by mid December on its outcome.

Media Relations - Betsy Robertson

The new AYSPS Experts Guide is currently in the works. All faculty are asked to submit updated bios.

Fiscal Research Program

Dave Sjoquist announced that the FRP would be hosting the Taxation and E-Commerce seminar on Wednesday, November 10th in the Urban Life Auditorium.

D. State Charitable Contributions Program - Paula Stephan

There are two campaigns that the university conducts. One is the Annual Campaign, which raises money for the university, and the other is the State Charitable Contributions Program. The SCCP program is a statewide

program, which collects money from state organizations on behalf of charitable organizations.

III. New Business

A. Approval of Candidates for Graduation – Sue Fagan

Sue Fagan presented the candidates for graduation during the Fall 1999 Semester commencement ceremonies. The list was approved and passed unanimously.

B. Academic Programs Committee Report – Paul Farnham.

The Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies proposed that changes be made to the core curriculum, and tracks of the Bachelor of Science in Urban Policy Studies. A list of curriculum changes from both the Economics and Public Administration and Urban Studies departments were proposed. Proposals from the Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies for three certificate programs were announced. Paul Farnham called for a Committee of the whole. The proposals were then read to the Committee of the whole. Paul Farnham recommended approval of the motions; the motions were seconded. The motions passed unanimously.

Please refer to the handouts from the meeting for more information.

C. Election of Committee Members

Academic Programs Committee

John Thomas nominated Amy Helling. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Mary Beth Walk nominated Robert Moore. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Faculty Affairs Committee

John Thomas nominated Harvey Newman. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Julie Hotchkiss nominated Ben Scafidi. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

D. Triennial Evaluation of the Provost

A faculty member from the School will serve on the triennial evaluation of the Provost. Sam Skogstad nominated Dave Sjoquist. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

E. Amendment of Bylaws to Reflect New Name

A motion was proposed to amend the School of Policy Studies Bylaws to reflect the new name, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, and to

reflect the change from quarter system to semester system. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

IV. Video

The video "Fostering Scholarship of Faculty" by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching was postponed due to time limitations. An alternative date will be sent via e-mail to faculty members to view the video.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.