

**ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES  
SPRING MEETING  
APRIL 18, 2000  
MINUTES**

Attendees:

Jim Alm	Bill Kahnweiler	Bill Rushing
Roy Bahl	Bruce Kaufman	Ben Scafidi
Anne Bramlette	Greg Lewis	Dave Sjoquist
Arthur Brooks	Jorge Martinez	Paula Stephan
Rick Charles	Bob Moore	Greg Streib
Jennifer Edwards	Shannon Mudd	Laura Taylor
Sue Fagan	Harvey Newman	Jeanie Thomas
Paul Farnham	Lloyd Nigro	John Thomas
Sally Fowler	Judith Ottoson	Neven Valev
Atef Ghobrial	Avani Raval	Mary Beth Walker
Shiferaw Gurmu	Felix Rioja	William Waugh
Amy Helling	Betsy Robertson	David Van Slyke
Gary Henry	Christine Roch	Katherine Willoughby
Julie Hotchkiss	Ross Rubenstein	Yongsheng Xu

The meeting was called to order at 2:47 P.M. by Roy Bahl, Dean.

**I. Old Business**

The minutes of the Fall Meeting (November 9, 1999) were approved as distributed.

**II. Presentations**

**A. Dean's Report**

**Announcements**

Dean Bahl announced that Mike Foster's and Shiferaw Gurmu's names had been forwarded by the President to the Regents for tenure. Amy Helling's and Julia Melkers' names have been forwarded for promotion to associate professor with tenure.

Dave Sjoquist announced that Sally Wallace won the Outstanding Faculty Achievement Award.

Other announcements made by the Dean were:

- Rick Charles finished his Ph.D.
- Sally Wallace gave birth to baby boy, named James Baird.

- Julia Melkers gave birth to a baby girl named Mara.
- Jae Bae accepted a faculty position in economics. He comes to the Andrew Young school from the Office of Strategic Planning, Health Care Finance Administration, Department of Health and Human Services. His specialty is in Health Economics, and he will be working actively in the Health Policy Center.
- Jim Alm has accepted the chairmanship of the Economics Department.
- Shannon Mudd who has been working in the Economics Department as a visiting assistant professor and specializing in International Economics will be going on to Thunderbird, a Graduate Management School in Arizona.
- The Annual Report has finally been finished and has gone on to the printer.
- The Spring *Briefing* has been distributed throughout the school and university. The Summer *Briefing* will be a research version. The school will be emphasizing strengths, such as public finance and budgeting, that tie into ranking categories.
- The AYSPS website is being overhauled thanks to Cynthia Blasdell.
- Building  
The GBA has \$8 million in the bank. The lease has yet to be signed by the regents.

#### **B. Annual Giving - Felix Rioja**

In 1999 the GSU contribution rate was 77%, compared to Georgia Tech which only gave 9%. The campaign allows individuals to direct money to whatever fund they want to give to. The six captains who have done the brunt of the work are: Anne Bramlette, Shannon Mudd, Ben Scafidi, Arthur Brooks, Dan Bugler, and Nicole Fehrenbach. As of April 10<sup>th</sup>, AYSPS' giving rate was at 66%. The college that is catching up to AYSPS is Health and Human Sciences which has a rate of 64%. President Carl Patton places great importance on this campaign, and especially the participation rate rather than the amount of money collected.

#### **C. Development Report - Anne Bramlette**

Anne, who has just passed the one-year milestone with the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, reported on several development items.

Georgia State University is in the top two percent of all universities in participation rate for annual giving campaigns. This makes a big difference in closing private gifts to the university. For example, the Robinson gift to the College of Business was assisted because of the high participation rate.

The School continues to work on the Andrew Young Birthday Celebration scheduled for March 9, 2001. The two committees, Benefits Chair and the Honorary Chairs continue to work hard on putting together the fund-raising event. Vice President Al Gore has agreed to be one of the Honorary Chairs.

The School is also planning a series of luncheons where alums can meet faculty and discuss policy issues.

Anne also reminded the faculty that development is more than just fund-raising, it is also "friend-raising."

#### **D. Media Relations Report - Betsy Robertson**

The 2000 *Experts Guide* has just been published. It will be sent to 750 media outlets nationwide. The book will enable media representatives to find experts in a particular field and contact them to answer questions.

The school will be conducting a marketing survey of past and present students to find out what type of publicity information they use in determining universities and colleges. For example, do they prefer print media such as brochures, and books on potential schools, or do they prefer the web and e-mail based media.

#### **E. Center News**

##### **Environmental Policy Center - Roy Bahl for Ron Cummings**

Ron Cummings has been working on creating a water resource center in Albany to work on the Flint River Basin. This is a joint program with Albany State University. The funding through the state government is in place, and a program is being designed. Ron Cummings is also working on a similar water management project with Georgia Southern University.

##### **International Studies Program - Jorge Martinez**

The Russia Tax Project will most likely get an extension. The initial project was for three years with Georgia State being the manager of the project. It is now being run by Deloitte and Touche, who have asked the International Studies Program to help with key aspects of the project. The project will be in the neighborhood of \$1 million per year for about three years.

The current project will be getting a four to six month extension from USAID to tie up loose ends. The extension is worth about \$300,000.

**Applied Research Center - Gary Henry**

The Applied Research Center has begun a relationship with the Centers for Disease Control. The project, headed by Judith Ottoson, will be evaluating the effectiveness of HIV prevention in Africa.

“Lottery Fever” is going through the South. South Carolina, which does not have a lottery at the present time, is looking to put it on the ballot for the upcoming fall election. The Georgia Lottery is the most successful lottery in the nation due to the Hope Scholarship and the Pre-Kindergarten Programs that it funds. New York State has invited ARC to evaluate their effort to implement universal Pre-K there.

The Georgia program gives resident students an economic incentive to do well in high school, so that they can earn a scholarship to a Georgia University. The Georgia Lottery benefits GSU tremendously through the Hope Scholarship.

**Fiscal Research Program - Dave Sjoquist**

Dave Sjoquist attended a meeting that included the Heads of the Georgia Municipal Association, The School Board Association and the Governor's Office. At the meeting it was discussed that a new governmental department be set up which would deal with intergovernmental relations.

The Governor's office's policy head wants to begin a Georgia dialogue on policy issues. The Governor's Office and the Georgia Chamber of Commerce along with policy leaders from Georgia State University will start a dialogue to discuss policy issues concerning the state.

**Health Policy Center - Jennifer Edwards for Jim Ledbetter**

The Governor's Office wants to increase the number of Georgians with health insurance.

The State has asked the Health Policy Center to work with Georgia Foundations and the state Department of Community Health to identify problems in health in Georgia, and to target grants to address those health problems. The Health Policy Center will serve as a resource in understanding the nature of the problems and identifying some strategies for addressing them.

**III. New Business**

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

Sue Fagan presented the candidates for graduation during the Spring 2000 Semester commencement ceremonies. The list was approved and passed unanimously.

**B. Promotion and Tenure Committee Report - Dave Sjoquist**

The P&T Committee of the school will be holding an informational meeting on May 4, 2000 in 1216 Urban Life Building to go over any P&T questions and documentation.

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

Paul Farnham introduced the PAUS Certificate in Non-profit Management for discussion during the meeting.

Paul Farnham called for a committee of the whole to consider the Certificate proposal. The proposals were then read to the committee of the whole. The floor was opened for discussion.

John Thomas questioned the admissions issue, not wanting to limit enrollment to just fall and spring. An amendment was introduced to change the enrollment to all semesters. The amendment was seconded and passed.

John Thomas also questioned that there should be three credits allowed for transfer to a full degree program.

Bob Moore stated that there shouldn't be a stamp of approval on courses taken outside of GSU to be applied to the certificate program.

Julie Hotchkiss also stated that no transfer credit be given and reiterated the need to maintain a high quality. Allowing transfer credits would increase the amount of administrative work.

Judith Ottoson asked if there was a "big book" of course equivalents from other institutions as there was in Canada. The answer was that there wasn't.

John Thomas stated that the school should be open to allowing transfer credits. The faculty should be able to make that decision.

Greg Lewis stated that students may take the advanced courses in the certificate program and bypass the core requirements for a regular degree.

Katherine Willoughby stated that people in industry and at the masters level would find the certificate program appealing. The brighter students will take the certificate program courses. Very few students would substitute the certificate program for the masters program. All students must still meet the requirements for a masters program.

It was stated that the Andrew Young name be inserted in the document to included it in any reference made to the school.

After debate on the floor, the Academic Programs Committee recommended not approving the transfer credit for the certificate program.

Paul Farnham put two motions up for vote. The first motion was to allow a maximum of up to 3 hours of transfer credit.

The second motion was to change the language for prerequisites to read: Courses in certificate programs must not have any graduate prerequisites that are not courses required in a certificate program.

The first motion, to allow a maximum of up to 3 hours of transfer credit was not approved. The second motion to change the language for prerequisite was approved.

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

#### **D. Election of Committee Members**

##### **Academic Programs Committee**

Paul Farnham was reappointed chair of the committee for two years.

Amy Helling nominated Katherine Willoughby. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Ben Scafidi nominated Shiferaw Gurmu. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

##### **Faculty Affairs Committee**

Atef Ghobrial nominated Bill Waugh. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Mary Beth Walker nominated Bruce Kaufman and Bob Moore nominated Laura Taylor. The faculty members then voted for the two candidates, and by a vote of 11 to 7, Laura Taylor was elected.

#### **IV. Other Announcements**

Dean Bahl announced that the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies needs to have a strategic plan. A draft of a plan has been circulated for comment. A committee will soon be appointed to implement the comments, and to finish the strategic plan.

Gary Henry announced that Hank Levin has been invited by the Applied Research Center and the Fiscal Research Program to give a talk on the cutting edge on educational policy. Other speakers and invited guests will be in attendance on Monday, May 8, 2000. Additional information will be distributed closer to the event date.

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Gary Henry also announced that on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. there will be an area meeting to create an Atlanta chapter of Public Policy Evaluators.

The college adopted a workload policy last year and this document was submitted to the Provost. The AYSPS document is being updated to reflect the university buy-out-rate for all faculty as a minimum of 12.5% per course.

The buyout should only be for the academic year. Summer buyouts are 10% per course (maximum 30%) for projects using state funds, 11.1% per course (maximum 33.3%) for outside GSU contracts.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.