

**ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES  
SUMMER MEETING  
JULY 24, 2000  
MINUTES**

Attendees:

Jim Alm	Susan Laury	Ben Scafidi
Jay Bae	Greg Lewis	Dave Sjoquist
Cindy Blasdell	Julia Melkers	Paula Stephan
Anne Bramlette	Bob Moore	Laura Taylor
Arthur Brooks	Melinda Pitts	John Thomas
Wanda Cooley	Avani Raval	Neven Valev
Kelly Edmiston	Felix Rioja	David Van Slyke
Jennifer Edwards	Betsy Robertson	Sally Wallace
Alan Essig	Christine Roch	Yongsheng Xu
Paul Farnham	Bruce Seaman	

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by Paula Stephan, Associate Dean.

**I. Old Business**

The minutes of the Spring Meeting (April 18, 2000) were approved as distributed.

**II. Presentations**

**A. Dean's Report**

**Announcements**

Paula Stephan announced that Dean Bahl is in Indonesia.

Grashunda Banks, a Dean's Office student assistant, tragically died in a car accident over the weekend. She will truly be missed by all.

Jim Alm announced the addition of Jae Bay to the Economics Department. He comes to the school from the Office of Strategic Planning Healthcare Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Sciences. He will be working on Health Care Economics, and will also be working actively with the Health Policy Center.

Ben Scafidi introduced Alan Essig who has joined the Fiscal Research Program as a research associate. His specialty is budget issues. He was a staff member of the Georgia House of Assembly and also the Georgia Senate.

Ben Scafidi also introduced Katie Freeman; she received her Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. She joins the school from the RAND Corporation. Her specialty is education finance issues.

Paula Stephan mentioned that there have been several meetings with regard to the building. The timetable continues to keep changing as the University and the Georgia Building Authority continue to go over the plans of the building and continue to find unexpected roadblocks in moving forward. The building has been moved to the Regents as a Regents Project by Helen Shoals, the commissioner of the GBA. The paperwork was sent to the Regents in June. Once the Regents sign off on the plans, then it will go out to bid. The original \$8 million earmarked for the building is not enough. The estimated cost will be more like \$12 to \$13 million.

The AYSPS meeting calendar has been distributed faculty meeting and honors day dates listed.

**B. Media Relations Report - Betsy Robertson**

The Research Briefing will be going out by mid August. It will emphasize our strengths in reference to the U.S. News Rankings criteria. The Fall Briefing will also go out in late September or early October. Both will be out before the ranking forms reach voters.

Soliciting stories for the Fall Briefing. Please provide inputs by August 1<sup>st</sup>. The Albany Water Policy Center will be included in this issue. It is receiving a lot of press coverage and media hits.

**C. Development Report - Anne Bramlette**

The big development news is the Andrew Young Birthday Party, which is scheduled for March 9, 2001. The first \$150,000 sponsor has signed on – Bank of America. Coca Cola will be taking a lead in corporate solicitations, and Jones Worley will be putting together the press material.

Major foundations such as Rockefeller, Carnegie, Ford and MacArthur are interested in giving to universities who have an emphasis in African Policy and Education. The school is putting together proposals to be presented to these foundations with regard to our work in Africa.

The first meeting of the Board of Advisors is scheduled for September 8, 2000. The meeting will be held at GSU. There will be a reception after the meeting for the board to meet faculty.

**D. AYSPS Web Page – Cindy Blasdell**

The AYSPS Web page has been updated to better reflect the makeup of the school, and to emphasize our achievements and strengths.

The counter on the website was updated, June 6<sup>th</sup> and since that time 2200 hits have been registered.

The people and reports pages have had 1300 hits.

There has been the addition of a calendar with important AYSPS upcoming activities listed. There has also been a link added to faculty course pages with descriptions of the courses and a link to the GSU course catalog.

The centers' sites have been updated, as well as the Experts Guide has been put on the web.

**Other Information**

Paula introduced Mara, Julia Melkers daughter.

The Summer Internship Program in its third year has been a great success under the leadership of Greg Lewis who ran the seminars.

The International Studies Program has a group of international visitors studying Fiscal Training. It is being taught by Jorge Martinez, Ross Rubenstein and Katherine Willoughby for four weeks.

**III. New Business**

**A. Approval of Candidates for Graduation – Wanda Cooley**

Wanda Cooley presented the candidates for graduation for the Summer 2000 Semester commencement ceremonies. The list was approved and passed unanimously.

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

Paul Farnham distributed the Academic Programs Committee operating procedures. The operating procedures outline the process and deadlines for when issues for the committee must be submitted so that the documents can be properly evaluated and prepared for the faculty meetings.

Paul Farnham also mentioned that the APC would not bring forward any substantive curriculum material to the summer faculty meeting.

**C. Faculty Affairs Committee Report – Bruce Seaman**

Bruce Seaman distributed a draft document of the AYSPS non-tenure track faculty appointment document. The draft is to be circulated through the school to get feedback on any changes, additions etc. The draft outlines the procedures involved in attaining faculty rank by non-tenure track personnel. The Faculty Affairs Committee will be having hearings before the fall faculty meeting to discuss and come up with a final document for the school.

Issues were raised about the document, but it was decided that questions and concerns about the document were best discussed during the hearings conducted by the committee. The document would then be brought up for discussion and/or approval during the fall faculty meeting. All interested parties would be invited to the hearings.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.