

**ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES
SPRING MEETING
APRIL 18, 2001
MINUTES**

Attendees:

Jim Alm	Katie Freeman	Christine Roch
Jay Bae	Shelby Frost	Ross Rubenstein
Roy Bahl	Carol Hansen	Bruce Seaman
Cindy Blasdell	Amy Helling	Ben Scafidi
Arthur Brooks	Julie Hotchkiss	Paula Stephan
Dotti Cruse	William Kahnweiler	Laura Taylor
Ron Cummings	Jennifer Kreidler	John Thomas
Amata Diabate	Susan Laury	David Van Slyke
Kelly Edmiston	Greg Lewis	Sally Wallace
Jennifer Edwards	Jorge Martinez	Verna Willis
Alan Essig	Julia Melkers	Katherine Willoughby
Sue Fagan	Bob Moore	Yongsheng Xu
Paul Farnham	Avani Raval	

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 P.M. by Roy Bahl, Dean.

I. Old Business

The minutes of the Fall Meeting (2000) were approved as distributed.

II. Presentations

A. Introduction of New People

Roy Bahl introduced Ronni French as the new Director of Development for the Andrew Young School.

Ron Cummings introduced Dotti Cruse. Dotti has worked in the Governors Office and several congressmen's offices. She is the liaison for the Environmental Policy Program with State agencies, Federal agencies, and other institutions.

Roy Bahl introduced Jennifer Kreidler. Jennifer has joined Research Atlanta as their new Associate Director.

B. Dean's Report

Roy Bahl announced that the U.S. News and World Report 2002 America's Best Graduate Schools Rankings were out. The Andrew Young School cracked the top ten in two fields: 6th in Public Finance and Budgeting, and 7th in City Management/Urban Policy. Overall the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies was ranked 31st.

Laura Taylor reported that the American Economic Association has a summer minority program, to increase the number of minorities entering Ph.D. programs in economics. They have a summer "boot camp" where juniors and seniors attend an intensive training session to prepare for the best graduate schools. The recruiting officials came to Georgia State and selected three students to attend. Only GSU and Howard University had three students selected to attend.

Roy Bahl mentioned that Honors Day held on April 10th was a huge success.

Roy Bahl announced that Greg Lewis will be a recipient of the Sparks Award. Greg was nominated by students in the Public Policy program.

Roy Bahl announced that Ron Cummings would be receiving the GSU Exceptional Service Award for 2001. Only one faculty member from GSU receives this award per year.

Roy Bahl announced that the 2001 Alumni Distinguished Award would be given to Jorge Martinez.

Roy Bahl mentioned that Bob Moore has accepted to become Associate Dean beginning on June 4th.

C. AYSPS Webpage Report – Cindy Blasdell

Cindy announced that the AYSPS webpage now contains the video and audio clips from the Foreign Policy Symposium. Pictures from the Foreign Policy Symposium and the Andrew Young Birthday Dinner Celebration are also up on the website.

AYSPS media hits have been listed on the web site.

The AYSPS web oversight committee has been meeting on a regular basis.

The Annual Report is almost done, and will be soon going to the printer.

The WebCT follow-up reports have been turned in. There has been great feedback from the program.

An RSVP shortcut has been set up for use with any AYSPS function on the website. The first event using the shortcut is the AYSPS Honors Day.

There have been almost 30,000 hits to the AYSPS website since September.

III. New Business

A. Approval of Candidates for Graduation – Sue Fagan

Sue Fagan presented the candidates for graduation for the Spring 2001 Semester commencement ceremonies. The list was approved and passed unanimously.

B. Academic Programs Committee Report – Paul Farnham.

Paul Farnham introduced the proposals for course adjustments for the Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies, and for the Department of Economics.

Paul Farnham recommended approval of the course proposals and revisions. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Please refer to handouts for more information.

C. Report on GSU Senate – Laura Taylor

Laura Taylor introduced AYSPS faculty members who are senators:
Sally Wallace, Research Committee, Budget Committee
Laura Taylor, APACE, Admissions and Standards
Shiferaw Gurmu, Research, IS&T
Ted Poister, Admission and Standards, Faculty Affairs
Lloyd Nigro, APACE, Planning and Development

Starting next fall a new university requirement that all university professors report back to the university after the first day after the drop date whether or not students are attending classes. The reason for this is that a new federal law for students with financial aid, and if they drop that class, the university must reimburse the federal government the financial aid money, and then try to recoup that cost from the student.

The research committee has just recently met. At the last moment the College of Arts and Sciences requested to add four new members to the committee, which puts them over 50% representation. The next largest college has three members. To get proportional representation, Business would have to add 10 new members, Education would have to add 10 members, and all the other colleges would have to add 10 members, which would mean an additional 30 members to the committee.

Sally Wallace reported that the research committee met to review the internal GSU grants to find out which of the proposal would be funded. These grants are a great way to get lots of support for GRA funding.

Greg Lewis reported that he is a member of the committee on E-courses, and that there is a push to get course syllabi on-line, which is a great idea to use technology in the classroom.

Laura Taylor reported that Ross Rubenstein and Ben Scafidi fought to get on the Athletics Committee. Ben and Ross are jointly serving this year.

D. Faculty Affairs Committee Report – Bruce Seaman

Bruce Seaman Reported that the Faculty Affairs Committee was hoping to come to the meeting with the latest update on non-tenure track policy which was approved during the fall meeting, pending verification of promotion criteria to the various ranks. But there is a subcommittee at the university level which was designed to implement at the university level a common policy on non-tenure track appointments which AYSPS would have to be in compliance with. The committee was actually trying to find out what the Board of Regents policy was, and whether the various units of GSU were in compliance. Some members of the committee have found a Board of Regent bylaws that determine in fact there are rules that suggest that non-tenure track appointment can not be at an academic rank above lecturer, and can not have more than 2% of core of instruction faculty in that rank. It is also expressly forbidden to have anyone above the rank of lecturer. None of the colleges are in compliance with these rules. At the moment the non-tenure track process has been put on hold pending further clarification.

E. Elections

1. Promotion and Tenure Committee

Ron Cummings nominated Laura Taylor to serve on the AYSPS Promotion and Tenure Committee. The nomination was seconded and approved unanimously.

Jim Alm nominated Greg Lewis to serve on the AYSPS Promotion and Tenure Committee. The nomination was seconded and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.