

**ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES
FALL MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2002
MINUTES**

Attendees:

Jim Alm	Monica Herk	Michael Rushton
Jay Bae	Julie Hotchkiss	Ben Scafidi
Roy Bahl	Bill Kahnweiler	Bruce Seaman
Grant Black	Susan Laury	Dave Sjoquist
Jamie Boex	Greg Lewis	Paula Stephan
Cynthia Blasdell	Debbie McCarty	Laura Taylor
Ron Cummings	Wasseem Mina	Erdal Tekin
Kelly Edmiston	Bob Moore	Geoffrey Turnbull
Sue Fagan	Harvey Newman	Neven Valev
Paul Farnham	Lloyd Nigro	David Van Slyke
Paul Ferraro	Judith Ottoson	Mary Beth Walker
Ronni French	Ragan Petrie	Sally Wallace
Carol Hansen	Avani Raval	William Waugh
Amy Helling	Christine Roch	Verna Willis
Gary Henry	Ross Rubenstein	Youngsheng Xu

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 P.M. by Roy Bahl, Dean.

I. Old Business

The minutes of the Spring Meeting (2002) were approved as distributed.

II. Presentations

A. Introduction of New People

Mary Beth Walker announced that the Department of Economics hired Regan Petrie as an Assistant Professor. She is a recent graduate of the University of Wisconsin. Her specialty is in environmental and experimental economics, and thus will be located on the 14th Floor of RCB.

Lloyd Nigro introduced Michael Rushton who joined the Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies over the summer as an Associate Professor from the University of Saskatchewan in Regina, Canada. He received his Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia. He will be playing a major role in the nonprofit area.

B. Dean's Report

Dean Bahl asked that Chairs and Directors in attendance to make a report.

International Studies Program – Jorge Martinez

Jorge Martinez announced that the committee was almost through with the Self Study for the Department of Economics. The draft once complete, would be circulated to faculty for comments. The visiting committee for the self study should be here in September to conduct the formal review.

The International Studies Program's Summer Training Program has been a great success. There were 55 people amongst the three classes, which were taught by both PAUS and Economics Faculty as well as experts from government and industry. The three classes were:

- Fiscal Analysis and Revenue Forecasting (July 1st – 12th)
- Fiscal Decentralization in Developing and Transition Economies (July 15th – August 2nd)
- Public Budgeting and Fiscal Management (August 5th – 16th)

Jorge Martinez also mentioned that Sri Indrawati Mulyani, a visiting scholar from the University of Indonesia, Jakarta will spend one more year at the Andrew Young School. The first class of the Indonesian Masters Students just graduated this summer and are back in Indonesia. The second class of 20 students will be arriving in late August.

The International Studies Program is also working on several proposals with USAID.

Graduate and Married Student Housing has opened up at Georgia State University. The first occupants of the Loft Housing will be international graduate students. Many of them will be the Indonesian Masters Students.

Environmental Policy Program – Ron Cummings

Ron Cummings announced that the Environmental Policy Program has received an extension of the Water Program Grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Ron Cummings also announced that Susan Laury has received a grant from the National Science Foundation on Game Theory and Social Interactions.

The Environmental Policy Program is working on setting up distance learning classes in Water Policy. There may also be a distance learning Ph.D. program in the very near future related to Water Policy.

The Environmental Policy Program will be taking the mobile lab to Columbus State University in August.

Ron Cummings mentioned that the Economics Self Study would include new initiatives to get funding for new programs.

Public Administration and Urban Studies – Lloyd Nigro

Julia Melkers has left the Andrew Young School and has accepted a position at the University of Illinois, Chicago. Katherine Willoughby will be the chair of the search committee for Julia Melkers' replacement.

Ross Rubenstein was honored again. This time by the Policy Studies Organization. He received the Outstanding Policy Scholar award, and will be going to Boston to receive it.

Gary Henry mentioned that he has been invited to the National Governors Association this summer to make a presentation on Education Policy.

C. Development Report – Ronni French

Ronni French mentioned that Ben Scafidi did a wonderful job on the GSU Annual Fund. The Andrew Young School had a 96% participation rate. The university overall had an 83% rate.

The Andrew Young School endowment is at \$8.183 million dollars. For the reporting period ending May 30th, the school has raised close to \$1 million. In all of 1999, the school raised \$230,000.

The School has set up the Amanda Hyatt Fellowship. The first round of applications have been coming in and are being reviewed by the committee.

The HRD Alumni Club will be holding its first meeting on August 1st. The alumni club came up with the Verna Willis Scholarship. The scholarship will be fully funded very soon.

Currently there are four projects that need active fundraising:

- Child Policy Center
- International Studies Program
- Non-profit Center
- New Building

Over the last few weeks, two AYSPS publications were put out. The first was *the Spring/Summer 2002 Briefing*, and the AYSPS *Viewbook*. Both were excellent publications, with lots of great feedback.

D. Web Page Report-Cynthia Blasdell

Cindy mentioned that WebCT now has the ability to put up math equations. There is a push by the university to try and get more faculty and students to use WebCT. A lot of the GTA's and PTI's have been using WebCT especially for the larger popular class sections.

AYSPS is also developing distance learning courses. There is the aim to create a distance learning Ph.D. program.

The AYSPPS Website is looking great. The Centers have indicated that they want their homepages to look more like the AYSPPS homepage. The Fiscal Research Program has been the first center to sign up for this.

Information on Andrew Young has been put up on the website. Now there are expanded links to stories and information from around the U.S. which include pictures, articles, etc. The School is evaluating the idea of creating an archive on Andrew Young which researchers can use.

E. Other

Roy Bahl announced The Regional Leadership Foundation would like to join the Andrew Young School. The set-up would like that of Research Atlanta. Where the foundation would be housed in the Andrew Young School.

Enrollments are up. Capacity of faculty teaching is maxed out, and more PTI's and GRA's are teaching courses than ever. There has been discussion of rationing due to the high demand and popularity of AYSPPS courses.

The State of Georgia has indicated that we will be in for another 1% reduction in GSU's budget for next year. For AYSPPS that would be in the range of \$80,000 to \$100,000. Our external work and monies being brought in is going great. The Andrew Young School is leveraged great in terms of research and external funding compared to the rest of the University.

The Faculty and researchers should be commended for the amount of work that has been put out by the Andrew Young School. The number of articles and publications being produced is fantastic.

The Research Issue of the *Briefing* is being worked on as we speak. It will have a more magazine type of feel to it. It will focus on specific projects being conducted by AYSPPS faculty and researchers.

On the building. The new sign should be going up on the building very soon.

Andrew Young has received an award – The Bird of Peace – a large marble sculpture of a bird that will be displayed in the new building.

Robert Moore added that the Andrew Young School Dean's Office held its second Public Relations Luncheon for folks within the school. The luncheon was to introduce the P.R. personnel in the school and what areas they are involved with. The school wants to leverage public relations, and one good example of this is with the Amanda Hyatt Fellowship.

The Spring/Summer 2002 Briefing and the *Viewbook* are very good. If you have not had a chance to read them, please do so.

Ron Cummings asked if the departure of Dean Ahmed Abdelal from Arts and Sciences would allow for a review of colleges and their departments to see if there was a better fit.

Roy Bahl said that with the departure of Dean Abdelal, there was no announcement of a change in the structure of Arts and Sciences or with any other college. The university will be conducting a national search which will be chaired by Dean Susan Kelly of Health and Human Sciences. The news is that the new dean will be in place by January 1, 2003.

III. New Business

A. Approval of Candidates for Graduation – Avani Raval

Avani Raval presented the candidates for graduation for the Summer 2002 Semester commencement ceremonies. The list was approved and passed unanimously.

B. Report on GSU Senate – Lloyd Nigro

Lloyd Nigro mentioned that the GSU Senate is still the same. There are six senators from AYSPS; 3 from Economics (Sally Wallace, Paul Farnham and Neven Valev), and 3 from PAUS (Ted Poister, Lloyd Nigro, and Bill Waugh). Currently the senators are actively involved in the academic program reviews being conducted through out the university.

C. Electronic Vote

The Andrew Young School of Policy Studies circulated a draft of the AYSPS Graduate Faculty Policy in September 2002. The faculty was asked to make comments and revise the document to make a final draft that was to be put to the faculty for an electronic vote. The electronic vote on the final document was put to the faculty in September. The tally of votes were as follows: Approve: 35; Do Not Approve: 2; Return to Committee for Further Work: 1; Abstain: 1. With more than 50% of the faculty voting, the motion to approve

the AYSPS Graduate Faculty Policy was passed, and the document to be implemented.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.