

**ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES  
SPRING MEETING  
MAY 1, 2003  
MINUTES**

Attendees:

Jim Alm	Shiferaw Gurmu	Avani Raval
Roy Bahl	Carol Hansen	Christine Roch
Grant Black	Bill Kahnweiler	Michael Rushton
Jamie Boex	Jennifer Kreidler	Laura Taylor
Cynthia Blasdell	Susan Laury	Erdal Tekin
Ron Cummings	Greg Lewis	David Van Slyke
Kelly Edmiston	Jorge Martinez	Neven Valev
Sue Fagan	Karen Minyard	Mary Beth Walker
Paul Farnham	Bob Moore	Sally Wallace
Paul Ferraro	Harvey Newman	William Waugh
Ronni French	Lloyd Nigro	Youngsheng Xu
Shelby Frost	Ragan Petrie	
	Ted Poister	

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 P.M. by Roy Bahl, Dean.

**I. Old Business**

The minutes of the Spring Meeting (2003) were approved as distributed.

**II. Presentations**

**A. Dean's Report**

**Budget**

Dean Bahl reported on the status of the AYSPS and GSU's budget. For this current fiscal year, the Andrew Young School gave back approximately \$90,000 as its portion of the GSU reduction amount. The money came out of the Dean's Office and not from any of the units. This money was from unfilled positions as well as from the supply budget.

As we all know, the Georgia General Assembly ended last week. The state budget has been sent to the Governor for signing, but he has said that he will look over it and then decide what to do. If he rejects it, he will have to call a

special session of the Georgia General Assembly to develop a new budget for the state.

Dean Bahl mentioned that colleagues at the University of Georgia have mentioned that for the next fiscal year (beginning July 1, 2003) there will be a reduction of around 4%. This money has to come out of non faculty lines such as supplies, unfilled positions, GRA hires, and staff salaries. We won't know until the budget is approved by the governor.

When the economy turns around, the news will be good for GSU in the long run. Enrollments have been going way up, and as a result, the university should gain additional dollars. For UGA it won't be because they are at their maximum number of students enrolled.

Jim Alm asked if the workload money will be affected.

Dean Bahl replied that the workload money is allocated to GSU, and that the administration will determine how to distribute it to the colleges for use.

In terms of units hit the hardest in AYSPS by the new government, it is the Fiscal Research Program. Ben Scafidi and Jeanie Thomas have been recruited by the governors office to work there. Alan Essig is working for the House Budget Committee.

Robert Moore announced that another *Briefing* is being produced by the designers and will be going to print sometime this week. The school should have hard copies in about three weeks time.

Dean Bahl mentioned that the *Research Briefing* will be the next issue in the works. Jennifer Echols will be coming around to talk to you about selected pieces that will be profiled in this issue, so please make time for her. This will be the final issue before the *U.S. News and World Report's* survey of Public Policy Schools will be sent out for the 2004 rankings. There has been word that *U.S. News and World Report* will scrap the rankings for Public Policy Schools, but until it is official, we will continue to showcase our strengths to peer institutions.

Dean Bahl announced that the Annual Report is almost finished. He thanked all faculty, staff, and students for their input into the 2002 edition. Dean Bahl mentioned that he gets a lot of rave reviews of the Annual Report from other Deans of Public Policy Schools on the achievements of our faculty, research associates and students.

Dean Bahl announced that work on the building is moving forward. From the way Winter Construction is moving along, it seems like the building will be

finished in Fall 2003. Once construction nears completion, discussions will be held on how the school will move into the building and when it will happen.

The buildings progress is moving forward due to the proactive work of Paula and Cindy on getting all of the departments and centers to sign off on their spaces prior to construction. As a result of the sign off, no modifications are to be done during the construction phase of the building. Also requests for additional space will be very difficult.

## **B. Introduction of New People**

Dean Bahl mentioned that the Andrew Young School hired new faculty during the recruiting season.

Lloyd Nigro announced that the Public Administration and Urban Studies Department hired two new faculty members and lost one.

The loss was that of Ross Rubenstein who will be leaving the school to join the faculty at the Maxwell School at Syracuse University.

However, the department did hire Carolyn Bourdeaux for the public finance/budgeting position that was vacated by Julia Melkers last year. Carolyn comes to AYSPS from Syracuse University, and should be here sometime in the early summer.

The department also hired Robert Eger to fill a void in the public finance/budgeting and methods area. He comes to the school from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. He too will be joining the school in the summer.

Jim Alm announced that the Economics Department hired Mark Rider as an associate professor. He comes to the school from Kennesaw State University. His expertise in International fiscal decentralization makes him a good fit with the International Studies Program.

Bob Moore also mentioned that Julie Hotchkiss will be on leave to work at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. She will be working on research concerning the employment transition projects.

Dean Bahl mentioned that having Julie Hotchkiss working at the Federal Reserve will bring value to the school, and also bring more collaborative synergy between the two organizations.

## **C. GSU Senate Report – Sally Wallace**

Sally Wallace Reported that the main items for the Senate during this past semester were the administrator evaluations. They are now complete.

Another agenda for this semester was a push for tuition increase. There were issues concerning the on-line faculty evaluations. Faculty were questioning the validity of the on-line instructor evaluations, since there was no way to check to see which students filled them out and if they were enrolled in that class. The senate has proposed changes in which a student who wanted to view their grades, would first have to fill out an instructor evaluation, and only then would they be able to view their grades.

#### **D. Development Report – Ronni French**

Ronni French reported on the faculty/staff campaign. The official end date of the campaign has been extended to May 15<sup>th</sup>. AYSPS is currently at an 82% participation rate, but we have a ways to go to the 96% rate we reached last year.

Ronni stressed that the amount given was not important, but that the participation rate was very important to Carl Patton. Dean Bahl also stressed that President Patton uses this as a marketing tool to potential donors to the university showing that the faculty and staff give back in large percentages to the university.

Ronni announced that she has been working the Federal Home Loan Bank to create a scholarship. She said that the discussions were in progress since December and that the Federal Home Loan Bank was ready to make a donation to a scholarship for a Masters in Public Administration and/or Public Policy.

Ronni also announced that she has been in discussions with board members Sally Rosser and Diane Wisner in planning some type of event for the new building. Currently discussions are in the works for an event around Ambassador Andrew Young's birthday (March 2004).

#### **E. Web Page Report-Cynthia Blasdell**

Cindy announced that the webpage has been getting quite a few hits. In terms of new information on the site; the Honors Day pictures have been put up, and have been visited by quite a few attendees.

Cindy announced that the last printed Briefing – Fall/Winter 2002/2003 issue was now up on the website.

Cindy also announced that many of the pages will be refreshed soon, and that work will begin on the Urban/Regional website.

#### **E. Other**

Dean Bahl announced that the Andrew Young School was doing quite well. The faculty productivity was up, student numbers were way up, and we should soon have a building to move into.

Bob Moore announced that the School will be hosting a reception for graduates from the Andrew Young School during Spring Commencement. The reception will be on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at about 7:30 p.m. – following commencement exercises in the Sinclair Suite of the Student Center. This Spring, the university decided to have three ceremonies (10 a.m. for Arts and Sciences, 2:00 p.m. for RCB, and 6 p.m. for HHS, ED, AYSPS and Law. The reception hosted in the Fall went really well, and we are expecting it to grow in popularity as word gets around.

Dean Bahl also announced that Paula Stephan was just awarded the Distinguished Alumni Professor Award for 2003.

Dean Bahl also announced the Robin Steinbrenner received the Sparks Award for this year.

### **III. New Business**

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

Sue Fagan presented the candidates for graduation for the Spring 2003 Semester commencement ceremonies. The list was approved and passed unanimously.

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

Paul Farnham reported on the activities the Academic Programs Committee of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. The Committee meet to review the academic changes proposed by the Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies. No changes were submitted by the Department of Economics. Paul Farnham went down the list of proposed changes and recommended that the full faculty approve these changes.

Ron Cummings asked why the courses were being deleted as stated in proposal #4 of APC handout for the aviation specialization from the MPA degree program.

Lloyd Nigro answered that these courses were being deleted because they related to a specialization in the MPA Program, and that the demand for these courses were extremely low, typically 3 to 4 students on average per year.

All changes announced by Paul Farnham were reviewed; motion(s) were put forth for approval; the motion(s) were seconded and approved unanimously by the faculty. Please see handout for proposals adopted at the meeting.

**C. Faculty Affairs Committee Report – Verna Willis**

No report of the Faculty Affairs Committee.

**D. Promotion and Tenure Committee Report – Ted Poister**

Ted Poister announced that there were no new activities of the committee to report on.

**E. Election of Committee Members**

Dean Bahl announced that two members of the AYSPS Promotions and Tenure Committee were concluding their terms, and that elections must be held at this Spring Meeting to elect replacements.

Lloyd Nigro nominated John Thomas as the PAUS representative for the AYSPS P&T Committee. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by a show of hands.

Sally Wallace nominated Paula Stephan as the Econ representative for the AYSPS P&T Committee. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by a show of hands.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.