

**ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES
SUMMER FACULTY MEETING
August 19, 2004
MINUTES**

Attendees:

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| Jim Alm | Douglas Krupka | Christine Roch |
| Roy Bahl | Susan Laury | Michael Rushton |
| Jamie Boex | Jon Mansfield | Paula Stephan |
| Doug Campbell | Karen Minyard | Greg Streib |
| Robert Eger | Bob Moore | Laura Taylor |
| Sue Fagan | Harvey Newman | Erdel Tekin |
| Paul Farnham | Lloyd Nigro | Mary Beth Walker |
| Shelby Frost | Ragan Petrie | Sally Wallace |
| Atef Ghobrial | Avani Raval | Yongsheng Xu |
| Shif Gurmu | Mark Rider | |
| Amy Helling | Felix Rioja | |

Roy Bahl, Dean, called the meeting to order at 1:16 P.M.

I. Old Business

The minutes of the Spring Meeting (2004) were approved as distributed.

II. Presentations

A. Dean Bahl welcomed everyone to the new AYSPS Building.

B. Introduction of New People

Jim Alm started off by announcing that the Department of Economics had hired four new faculty members:

- Gary Hoover, from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa
- Douglas Krupka, from the University of Chicago
- Inas Rashad, from The City University of New York Graduate Center
- Douglas Campbell, from Georgia State University

C. Dean's Report

Dean Bahl mentioned how wonderful it was to finally be in the building. It was a long wait, but well worth it.

Dean Bahl also mentioned that with any move of this magnitude, there would be potential problems, but that the Dean's Office and the Unit Coordinators would work quickly to solve all issues.

Dean Bahl also reiterated that the AYSPS Building was not a GSU building, but in fact owned by the Georgia Building Authority, and leased to GSU.

Dean Bahl mentioned that the Georgia Building Authority (GBA) controlled all aspects of the building, and that there were procedures to follow, anywhere from removing of trash to hanging items in offices.

Dean Bahl mentioned that this upcoming academic year will be an exciting one. We will have a very active recruiting year. There will be lots of exciting seminars from potential candidates for the various positions in Economics and Public Administration, so he reiterated that a good turnout by faculty, staff and students at these seminars is always a good selling point.

Dean Bahl also mentioned that there will probably be some type of Open House Celebration in conjunction with a symposium/seminar program.

Jim Alm mentioned that today (August 19th) was orientation for Economics Graduate Students. There would be a reception at 5 p.m. and that all were welcome to attend.

Jim Alm also mentioned that a picnic for graduate students in Economics was planned for August 27th at Indian Creek Lodge.

Dean Bahl mentioned that the School will be recruiting for three Endowed Chairs also:

1. Noah Langdale Chair (Ron Cummings replacement)
2. Ramsey Chair
3. Usery Chair

Dean Bahl said that Jerry Usery, who was Secretary of Labor under President Ford, has given money along with other contributors, to Georgia State University. GSU currently runs the Usery Center for the Workplace, which is housed under the Provost's Office. Mr. Usery and his friends have raised additional funds to endow a chair in the Andrew Young School in Labor Studies. As a result, Mr. Usery will become a Distinguished Executive Fellow in the Andrew Young School. The Provost has authorized a budget line for the chair, and the search to find a holder will begin soon.

Lloyd Nigro mentioned that the department of Public Administration and Urban Studies will also be conducting faculty searches this fall. These searches will replace:

- Judith Ottoson's position. She has moved back to San Francisco.
- Verna Willis. She has just retired.
- David Van Slyke – who moved back to New York, and is now at Syracuse University.

Two of the three search committees have already been setup. Michael Rushton is chairing the search committee to replace David Van Slyke, Greg Lewis is chairing the search committee to fill the Judith Ottoson position.

There is also the on-going search for a senior level faculty for the Ramsey Chair, which is headed by David Sjoquist.

Lloyd Nigro also mentioned that the fall enrollments were looking great and will probably fill every seat offered.

Lloyd Nigro mentioned that the PAUS self-study is continuing.

Karen Minyard gave a report on the business of the Health Policy Center. Karen Minyard mentioned that the center is currently working on a major project with the state's Department of Public Health on ways to restructure Public Health.

The Health Policy Center has also put out 4 large proposals for research funding, and hopes to get most of them funded.

Karen Minyard also mentioned that she has been given the go ahead from the President of the Georgia Cancer Coalition to find a Cancer Scholar.

Karen Minyard mentioned that the Philanthropic Collaborative wants to bring more work in to the "building".

Karen Minyard also mentioned that the Health Policy Center wants to promote the use of stairwells in the new building. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has some money in this area for funding, and the Health Policy Center will be applying for this to begin research in stairwell usage.

Karen Minyard mentioned that one of her staff members, Claudia Lacson passed away recently due to complications with TB and Meningitis. Her family wished in lieu of flowers that a memorial fund be set up in the Health Policy Center.

Karen Minyard also mentioned that three new staff have joined the Health Policy Center: Pat Kota, Chris Parker and Sallie Barker.

Sally Wallace gave an update on the Fiscal Research Center. The Center is currently active in a search for a State Fiscal Economist. The current State Economist passed away, and Governor Perdue gave the position to the Andrew Young School. The State Economist would conduct state revenue forecasting, etc. This position would be a non-tenure track in Economics. Ed Kubelie from New York will be here next week for a round of interviews. But until the position is filled the search will continue.

Mark Rider gave the International Studies Program Report. The International Studies Program just wrapped up its Summer Training Program. This year there were four summer classes for government officials. There were participants from numerous countries, and all of the classes were well attended. Many faculty from Economics and Public Administration donated time to teach these classes.

Roy Bahl and Sally along with others are continuing their work on the Jamaica Project.

The countries of Bangladesh, Bhutan, and the Republic of Georgia want some technical assistance, and have asked the International Studies Program to put together proposals.

Luc Noiset, is working in Vietnam with the government there on a project.

Jamie Boex is working in the East African country of Tanzania on intergovernmental fiscal reforms. This is part of a World Bank contract that the ISP has been awarded.

Jamie Boex is also pursuing possible work in Lesotho.

Roy Bahl and Mark Rider will soon be traveling to India to scope out some work there.

Dean Bahl reminded everyone that Ron Cummings retirement reception will be held on April 30th at 3:00 p.m. at the Commerce Club.

Mark Rider also mentioned that there could be possible work in Pakistan.

Paul Ferraro gave a report for the Environmental Policy Program. Paul Ferraro mentioned that even though Ron Cummings has retired from GSU and AYSPS, he continues to be active in research by working on some of the grants through the Environmental Policy Program.

Paul Ferraro mentioned that there were a lot of projects with the Georgia government dealing with water.

Laura Taylor mentioned that Pete Terrebone has joined the Environmental Policy Program as a research faculty member.

Susan Laury mentioned that the School will be hosting a round table of Experimental Economists from Georgia this fall.

Dean Bahl mentioned that a new Taylor has joined the Taylor household. Elle Fairfax Taylor was born on 6/26/2004.

III. New Business

A. Approval of Candidates for Graduation

The approval of graduates for the Summer 2004 semester was conducted by an electronic vote prior to this meeting, and the pool of graduates passed unanimously.

F. Other Information

Dean Bahl mentioned that Paula Stephan should be congratulated for getting the School this wonderful building.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.