

**ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES
FALL FACULTY MEETING
November 16, 2004
MINUTES**

Attendees:

Jim Alm	Amy Helling	Mark Rider
Roy Bahl	Gary Hoover	Christine Roch
Cindy Blasdell	Bill Kahnweiler	Michael Rushton
Carolyn Bourdeaux	Douglas Krupka	Dave Sjoquist
Rick Charles	Susan Laury	Paula Stephan
Robert Eger	Bob Moore	Greg Streib
Sue Fagan	Harvey Newman	Laura Taylor
Paul Farnham	Lloyd Nigro	Erdel Tekin
Paul Ferraro	Cindy Pembroke	Jeanie Thomas
Ronni French	Ragan Petrie	John Thomas
Shelby Frost	Mary Ann Phillips	Geoffrey Turnbull
Atef Ghobrial	Ted Poister	Mary Beth Walker
Shif Gurmu	Inas Rashad	Sally Wallace
Carol Hansen	Avani Raval	Bill Waugh

Roy Bahl, Dean, called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M.

I. Old Business

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

II. Presentations

A. Introduction of New People

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

- Gary Hoover, from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. His specialty is Public Policy, and Public Finance.
- Douglas Krupka, from the University of Chicago. His specialty is urban and regional economics
- Inas Rashad, from The City University of New York Graduate Center. Her specialty is economics of obesity.

- Douglas Campbell, from Georgia State University
- Pete Terrebonne, a research faculty member who is working with the Water Policy Center.

B. Dean's Report

Dean Bahl announced that the Provost was continuing to analyze programs that should be eliminated. This was the only viable option for the university to maintain its strong programs during the budget cuts that have come down from the state legislature.

Dean Bahl announced that there will be a Symposium on April 13, 2005 between President Carter and Ambassador Young (similar to the Clinton/Young event four years ago). In conjunction with the symposium, we will have a celebration week/month around the symposium. More information will be coming, but please make a note of the date on your calendars. Also that week, we will have Honors Day on April 14th. The event will be at the Sheraton Hotel.

Dean Bahl announced that there will soon be a campaign to get rooms in the building named. The money raised from the naming(s) will be placed in an endowment account, and will be used for scholarships, etc. To start things off on a bright note, one room has already been named. Conference Room #636 has been named the Michael and Enid Mescon Conference Room.

Dean Bahl announced that a donor has hired a painter to paint a portrait of Ambassador Young which will hang in the lobby of the building. All parties involved find the portrait acceptable. The painting should be finished and hung sometime in April in conjunction with the Symposium.

Dean Bahl also announced that the Dean's E-News will now be going to a weekly edition instead of a quarterly edition. The Dean's E-News will allow everyone in the school, other dean's and administrators, as well as some external folks to find out on a weekly basis what is happening in the School. It will also have a calendar of upcoming events, so people can keep track of what is upcoming.

Dean Bahl asked the Department Chairs to make a report on what is upcoming regarding upcoming recruiting.

Lloyd Nigro announced that the Public Administration and Urban Studies Department will be searching for three faculty positions. One in nonprofit, and two in public management/public policy. The department is

interviewing as we speak. The department is optimistic that the positions will be filled. Some of the candidates that have been interviewed are top caliber, so the seminars that will follow will be quite interesting.

Jim Alm announced that the Department of Economics will be hiring for five faculty positions. One of those will be for the Langdale Chair; another will be for W.J. Usery Chair, which Dean Bahl will elaborate on later. The department will be looking for three assistant professors with those searches looking for two econometricians, and one any field.

Jim Alm also announced that there are going to be some curricula changes in Economics. The department is making progress on a Foreign Language in Economics Program. The department is also in collaboration with Risk Management and Insurance, where the Economics Department will teach economic courses related to RMI. Paula, this fall, has taught a course called "Credit Card Craze" this fall to freshmen. About 500 students have attended these classes. The credit card class was something that was initiated by Ralph Moor, a GSU donor, who has taken an interest in the finances of students, and their ability to understand debt.

Dean Bahl announced that the School will partner with the Usery Center, and Mr. W.J. Usery, who was Labor Secretary under Ford, will become a Distinguished Executive Fellow in the Andrew Young School. Along with this naming, the school will also receive an endowment generously contributed to by friends of Mr. Usery to establish the W.J. Usery Chair in Labor Studies.

Dave Sjoquist gave an update on the recruitment efforts for the Ramsey Chair. Dave Sjoquist announced that there have been four very good candidates that have come through. The committee is trying to narrow the selection down to one, and make their recommendation to the Dean.

Laura Taylor mentioned that the Environmental Policy Program is in a holding pattern since Ron Cummings retired. The Department of Economics has a search committee that will be looking for a replacement for Ron Cummings, and the holder of the Noah Langdale Chair.

Paul Ferraro continues to work on projects related to the Water Policy Center. The Economics Department hired Pete Terrebonne as a research professor to assist with the projects currently active in the Environmental Policy Program.

Laura Taylor also announced that the Environmental and Experimental Lab is now up and running.

Susan Laury mentioned that AYSPS hosted a roundtable of Experimental Economists from the metro area this fall, and it was very well attended.

Mary Ann Phillips gave the report on work being done in the Health Policy Center.

The Health Policy Center research staff held meetings with faculty within AYSPS on ways to collaborate on research. One of the first collaborations was between Mary Ann Phillips of HPC and Inas Rashad of Economics.

Mary Ann Phillips mentioned that the Philanthropic Collaborative was pooling money to form a Fitness Assessment. HPC would be the coordinator of this assessment.

Mark Rider gave the update on the International Studies Program.

Roy Bahl and Sally Wallace were close to finishing up the Jamaica Tax Reform Project.

Roy Bahl, Mark Rider, Jorge Martinez were soon to go to India to work on Fiscal Reform Program in select states.

Luc Noiset is currently working on reform projects in Vietnam. Jorge was also there working on Intergovernmental Fiscal Reform.

Mark Rider mentioned that there was work being conducted to create a tailor-made program for Burmese Officials.

Jamie Boex continues his work in Tanzania, Swaziland.

Jorge Martinez has been working on projects in East Africa, Equatorial Guinea and Gabon.

Roy Bahl has worked on projects in India and Pakistan.

Development Report – Ronni French

Ronni French gave the update for the GSU Annual Giving Program. AYSPS had given \$14,300 for the last program with a giving rate of 93.4%. The GSU rate was at 84%. Robert Eger will be the Chair of the new campaign that starts off in 2005, so please support the school with your donations.

The AYSPS Endowment is at around \$6.8 million, with about \$400,000 in additional pledges that need to be fulfilled.

Ronni French mentioned that the Fall Board Meeting was held in the Andrew Young School Building in October, and the Board Members were excited that the School finally had a place to call home.

Ronni French also announced that the Fall Graduates will be asked to make a contribution to GSU as they graduate. Their donation of \$20.04 (2004 class) would give them a royal blue tassel, and those making contribution would also be recognized during commencement.

Ronni French mentioned that she had brought a lot of potential donors through the school building in hopes of having some of them name rooms. Discussions are in progress.

Ronni French mentioned that the picture hanging will definitely be a part of the AYSPS Celebration events in April 2005.

Ronni French also mentioned that the Child Policy Speaker Series has been going strong, and hoped that everyone would attend the remainder of the seminars. She also mentioned the series was funded by the Arthur Blank Foundation.

State Charitable Contributions Program – Shif Gurmu

Currently the AYSPS contribution rate is at 60%. The school is capable of doing much better, so with the final weeks upon us, we will make a push to get the rate over 80%.

Shif Gurmu also reiterated that the goal is not the \$ amount, but the participation rate which is important.

Senate Report – Shelby Frost

Shelby reported that the Senate was going to be implementing some changes. One of those being considered was the definition of “Good Standing”, as well as what is the real meaning of satisfactory and unsatisfactory in dealing with Incompletes. The senate was also working on changes to the Regents Test, and also a new Student Discipline Policy.

Shelby Frost also mentioned that the APACE Committee is the committee which will be making recommendations to the Provost as to what programs will be cut (if any).

Shelby Frost also mentioned that the Faculty Affairs Committee was writing a letter to the State Government on the issues related to the cutbacks.

Susan Laury mentioned that Tech Fee Proposals were due. Susan is on the committee that makes the selections on the proposals, so if you have one, please consult with her so that you will know what to put in your proposal.

AYSPS Website – Cindy Blasdell

Cindy mentioned that the content on the web was being maintained and updated regularly.

The website will be soon moving to a more secure server.

The site is registering about 1000 hits a day.

With moving to a new server, the new address for the website will be aysps.gsu.edu

Cindy also mentioned that the AYSPS site will be going through a redesign during the spring.

Cindy also mentioned that in the Spring there will also be a new Viewbook.

Cindy also mentioned that GSU has just redesigned its website, and currently is going through testing before going live. If you want to see it you can view it at www.test.gsu.edu.

III. New Business

A. Approval of Candidates for Graduation

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

B. Academic Programs Committee – Paul Farnham

Paul Farnham presented to the faculty, changes to the academic programs for the Andrew Young School. The APC Committee recommends approval of all the proposals listed. The motion was presented to the School faculty for a vote. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. For additional information, please see Academic Program Committee handouts.

C. Other Information

Lloyd Nigro announced that Carolyn Bourdeaux received the Dissertation of the Year Award.

Lloyd Nigro also mentioned that Amy Helling will become Managing Editor of Planning Journal, and will take a leave of absence for a year to concentration on that job.

Lloyd Nigro also mentioned that the faculty/student exchange program with the University of Northumbria in the U.K. will be taking its first trip in 2005.

D. Faculty Affairs Committee – Ted Poister

Ted Poister announced that the committee received three P&T cases this fall, and the committee has made its recommendations to the Dean on these three individuals.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03p.m.