

ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES
SPRING FACULTY MEETING
April 19, 2005
MINUTES

Attendees:

Jim Alm	Douglas Krupka	Michael Rushton
Roy Bahl	Greg Lewis	Greg Streib
Carolyn Bourdeaux	Jorge Martinez	Erdal Tekin
Robert Eger	Karen Minyard	John Thomas
Sue Fagan	Bob Moore	Geoffrey Turnbull
Paul Farnham	Harvey Newman	Neven Valev
Paul Ferraro	Ted Poister	Mary Beth Walker
Shelby Frost	Inas Rashad	Sally Wallace
Amy Helling	Avani Raval	Bill Waugh
Gary Henry	Mark Rider	Katherine Willoughby
Bill Kahnweiler	Christine Roch	Yongsheng Xu

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

I. Old Business

The minutes of the Fall 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 three new faculty members:

- Jim Cox, from the University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ. Who will be the new Noah Langdale Jr. Eminent Scholar – Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar. Jim Cox has been given a mission of expanding the Experimental Methods side of Economics at GSU, and he has accepted.
- Klara S. Peter, from the University of Michigan. Klara received her Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Kentucky in 2000. She is currently a visiting assistant professor at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Her specialty is Labor Issues.

- Yuriy Kitsul, from the University of North Carolina. Yuriy will be receiving his Ph.D. in Economics this spring. His specialty is in the field of Econometrics.

Greg Steib announced that the Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies had also hired three new faculty members:

- Dennis Young, from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH. Dennis Young will be the Bernard B. and Eugenia A. Ramsey Chair of Private Enterprise. He will be taking the lead in the Nonprofit area.
- Eric Twombly, from the Urban Institute in Washington, DC. Eric received his Ph.D. in Public Policy from George Washington University in 2000. He has also been a lecturer at George Washington University since 2000. His specialty is nonprofit.
- David Pitts, from the University of Georgia. David will be receiving his Ph.D. in Public Administration from the University of Georgia in Spring 2005. His specialty is Public Administration, and Public Policy.

B. Dean's Report

Roy Bahl announced that we have had a terrific set of events this month celebrating the grand opening of our building. The marquee event was the Carter/Young Symposium, which was well attended by people from AYSPS, GSU and the community. There are still a few more events to go, so please do attend them and show support for the school.

Roy Bahl also mentioned that the summer will mark the 10th Anniversary of the School. There will be a committee appointed to work on what the school will do to celebrate this milestone.

Mr. W.J. Usery will become a Distinguished Executive Fellow in Labor Policy at the Andrew Young School. He will still continue to lead the Usery Center. Jim Alm will now be able to recruit a faculty member to fill the new Usery Chair in Labor Policy.

Center Reports

Sally Wallace – Fiscal Research Center

Sally reported that Ken Heaghney was hired earlier this Winter as the new State Fiscal Economist. The Governor announced earlier this year, that the State Economist position will be housed at Georgia State University. Ken Heaghney will also be a Research Professor of Economics in the School's Economics Department. Ken has over 20 years of experience working with

business leaders on a wide range of economic problems and issues. As the State Economist, he will be responsible for developing the annual tax revenue forecast for the state's budget and advising the Governor's office on economic and other policy issues. Ken has a Ph.D. from Rice University.

Sally Wallace also announced that the Fiscal Research Center has hired Laura Wheeler as a research associate. Karlease Bradford, business manager for DPO has left the Andrew Young School to return to Kansas.

Paul Ferraro – Environmental Policy Program

Paul Ferraro announced that the addition of Jim Cox to the School, that the Experimental Economics side would now begin to develop further. Experimental Economics will now be brought in to the classroom and will also be more readily available for research.

Paul Ferraro also mentioned that Georgia State University and Emory University will be co-hosting the International Meeting of the Economic of Science Association in June 2006. GSU will be the host institution, and the sessions will be held somewhere on Campus.

Paul Ferraro mentioned that the Environmental Policy Program was still active in research even though Ron Cummings had retired. There were still active grants from NSF, USDA, EPA, etc.

Karen Minyard – Georgia Health Policy Center

Karen Minyard announced that the Georgia Health Policy was celebrating its 10th year in 2005.

The Health Policy Center will be hosting a multitude of events throughout the year to celebrate the 10th anniversary.

Karen Minyard also mentioned that a recent HPC study found that approximately 1.4 million Georgians do not have health insurance.

HPC is working with the Governor's Office on what can be done about Childhood Obesity.

HPC has just launched a working paper series.

HPC is working with a new organization, Georgia Health Decisions. Beverly Tyler, will occupy an office on the 1st floor, and will be associated with Georgia Health Decisions.

Karen Minyard also announced that Ruth Ebenezer has joined the Staff of the Health Policy Center.

Karen Minyard also mentioned that on 4/20/05 the Health Policy will be hosting a seminar on Child Policy in the Seminar Room. All are invited to attend.

Karen Minyard mentioned that HPC is working with the Carl Vinson Institute at UGA to co-host a conference in the fall on Child Policy. The conference should stimulate research on Child Policy Issues.

Jorge Martinez – International Studies Program

Jorge Martinez announced that currently there is USAID Training going on in the seminar room next door. USAID Economists will be here for the week training on a variety of issues.

Jorge Martinez announced that Summer Training will begin in mid June. This year there will be three course offerings:

- Tax Policy, Fiscal Analysis and Revenue Forecasting (June 20th - July 8th)
- Fiscal Decentralization and Local Governance (July 11th – July 29th)
- Public Budgeting and Fiscal Management (August 1st – 12th)

Jorge Martinez also mention that there were customized training programs that the International Studies Program was working on for such countries as: Thailand, Ivory Coast, Bangladesh, etc.

Other projects in the works are: Jamaica Tax Reform Project, Fiscal Decentralization work in India, work in Central Europe, Tanzania, etc.

Jorge Martinez also announced that the International Studies Program will be hosting a Spring Conference May 24-25 titled “International Perspective: Experimental Public Economics” at Stone Mountain.

Roy Bahl asked the Ph.D Coordinators to talk about the Ph.D. entering classes for Fall.

Greg Lewis mentioned that the Ph.D. in Public Policy program has admitted about a dozen new students for the fall. The students come from a wide variety of backgrounds, as well as from a wide variety of countries. The quality of the students have also increased over the past year.

Felix Rioja mentioned that the Ph.D. in Economics program has admitted 16 new students for the fall. There are 9 Americans and 7 international. There are still seven offers pending. The entering classes quality is also up from previous years.

Michael Rushton spoke about the upcoming Nonprofit Roundtable. This year's roundtable's guest speaker is Dennis Young. The roundtable brings nonprofit executives from the Atlanta area together to discuss issues. There will be a panel discussion with Bruce Seaman being the moderator.

Senate Report – Bill Waugh

Bill Waugh announced that he has been on the GSU Senate for 21 years. The new senate session for the 2005-2006 year begins later this week.

Bill Waugh mentioned some of the items for discussion at the Senate.

- Decision on funding the Science/Teaching Lab Building.
- The Research Office and its subsequent committees to be more supportive to faculty and researchers with their grant proposals.

Shelby Frost mentioned that the APACE Senate Committee will be reviewing the deactivation of programs and departments.

Annual Giving – Robert Eger

Robert Eger mentioned that the current annual campaign program will end on April 30th. Contributions will still be accepted until June 30th. The Andrew Young School rate as of today is at about 52%. It is down from previous years, but as reminders are sent out, the rate should increase.

III. New Business

A. Approval of Candidates for Graduation

The approval of graduates for the Spring 2005 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. Promotion and Tenure Committee – Ted Poister

Ted Poister mentioned that that the Committee reviewed nominations for immediate tenure for the new incoming senior faculty members – Dennis Young and Jim Cox, and sent their recommendations onto the Dean.

D. Elections

Jorge Martinez was nominated to serve the remainder of Paula Stephan's term on the School's Promotion and Tenure Committee. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

E. Electronic Vote

A proposal for a Specialization in Human Resources in the B.S. in Urban Policy Studies and for a title and catalog change in PAUS 4261 (to be effective Fall 2005) was circulated to the faculty on 5/9/2005 for an electronic vote. The Public Administration and Urban Studies Department had approved the proposal, as had the School's Academic Programs Committee. The electronic vote occurred between 05/09/2005 and 05/11/2005. At the conclusion of the vote, and all the votes counted, the proposal passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.