

**ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES
SUMMER MEETING
JULY 27, 2005
MINUTES**

Attendees:

James Alm	Bruce Kaufman	Greg Steib
Roy Bahl	Douglas Krupka	Paula Stephan
Carolyn Bourdeaux	Bob Moore	Peter Sobernana
Julie Brown	Mary Ann Phillips	Mary Beth Walker
Sue Fagan	Inas Rashad	Bill Waugh
Paul Farnham	Mark Rider	Dennis Young
Paul Ferraro	Michael Rushton	

Roy Bahl, Dean, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

I. Old Business

The minutes of the Spring Meeting (2005) were approved as distributed.

II. Presentations

A. Introduction of New People

Robert Moore started off by announcing that the Dean's Office had hired a Development Director: Julie joins us with over 10 years of university administration and fundraising experience. She is a native Texan who received her B.A. from the University of Arkansas and M.S. from Eastern Illinois University.

Starting her career in Student Affairs at West Georgia College (now the University of West Georgia), she moved into development work at the University of North Texas. Julie relocated to Atlanta in May of 2004 and worked for the U.S. Disabled Athletes Fund as Development Director. Julie serves on the Alumni Board of Alpha Delta Pi and the University of Arkansas.

Jim Alm announced that the Department of Economics had hired three new faculty members:

- Yuriy Kitsul from the University of North Carolina, who will be defending his dissertation August 29.
- Klara Sabirianova Peter, who will be coming to us from University of

Michigan with two Ph.D's, one from the Russian Academy of Science and one from the University of Kentucky.

- Jim Cox will be joining us in January 2006 as the Noah Langdale Chair – Georgia Eminent Scholar.

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

- Dennis Young will be joining us as the Ramsey Chair – Not-for-Profit.
- Eric Twombly will be joining us from the Urban Institute and will be working in the Not-for-profit area.
- David Pitts will be joining us from the University of Georgia. His interests focus on public management and public policy.

Mary Ann Phillips from the Georgia Health Policy Center announced the following hires:

- Daphanie Scandrick-RAI
Daphanie joins us after spending the last 5 years at the Department of Community Health. During her time there, she conducted Medicaid and PeachCare policy analysis, budget projections, and eligibility trending. Her previous experience will compliment her current position as she continues to work with health care data to provide the community with the information needed to make sound health care decisions. Daphanie started at GHPC as a student assistant, did some work for us and then went over to DCH, so having her back with this kind of experience is a real bonus for us.
- Susan Goodman--RAII
Susan came from the Georgia Center for Nonprofits where she managed the statewide training program in nonprofit management. At the Center, Susan works with the Community Health Systems Development team. Her focus will be organizing technical assistance via intensives, institutes, and other educational programs.
- Rachel Ferencik-RAII
Has been with us the past 10 months on a contract basis; worked on Medicaid managed care work for DCH, analyzing Public Health system to provide statewide strategic direction, and coordinating child health symposium. Previously, worked with Council of Superior Court Judges, Executive Director of the Georgia Commission on Family Violence, and Administrator of the Grady Health System Rape Crisis Center. During all this time, received her M.P.A. from AYSPS and recipient of the Gov Harris

Award for Academic Excellence. Working on Medicaid Reform, continue on with Public Health and Child Health Symposium

- John Shoemaker-RAII
Comes to us most recently from Lubec, Maine-where he directed the development and delivery of health promotion and disease prevention programs to the residents of rural Maine. Prior experience was in research, program administration, public policy, and scientific communications with Prevent Blindness America. Masters of Public Health and a B.A. Work with Pat Kota in Community Systems Development and Chris Parker with Public Health and federal contract with the uninsured.

B. Dean's Report

Roy Bahl announced that Charlie Loudermilk, owner and President of Aarons Rent gave a gift of \$500,000 to the school in honor of Jean Child's Young, Ambassador Young's first wife, to endow a scholarship in her name and a lecture series.

Roy Bahl also mentioned that a year long celebration to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the school would start this year. It would include special lecture series, seminars and other events that will be announced later. You all will be asked to participate. The College is up to 80-100 faculty and senior associates and about 50-60 staff members so everyone will be involved.

State Economist, Hank Thomassen, passed away last year. The Governor and Mr. Thomassen's family would like something in his memory to be placed here at the College. At one time, Mr. Thomassen was a faculty member at GSU. There will be a reception to commemorate and a portrait will be placed in the building.

Michael Mescon who sits on the AYSPS board and was the Dean of the College of Business, is a big supporter of our college has endowed one of the rooms in the building. There will be a reception in his honor.

Center Reports

Mark Rider - International Studies Program

The International Studies Program hosted a Summer School in Public Economics (July 18-22), which brought young professors of economics in public finance from Spanish universities to Atlanta to participate in lectures by renowned economists such as Arnold Harberger and Wallace Oates. The Summer School in Public Economics was sponsored by the Fundación Rafael del Pino of Spain in collaboration with the Instituto de Estudios Fiscales of the Spanish Ministry of Finance, and the International Studies Program of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.

Mary Ann Phillips - Georgia Health Policy Center

They are still working out details of a contract with the Governor's office to look at Medicaid reform--will involve actuarial analysis, modeling, focus groups and large group facilitation.

Still involved with Division of Public Health to understand and develop their core business---understanding the system drivers and the impact they have on policy and practice.

The Community Health Systems Development team was invited to submit a proposal and has been awarded a grant by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy technical assistance (TA) services to include 45 Rural Health Outreach grantees in addition to the current 25 Rural Health Network Grantees. The CHSD team includes 7 full time employees and 8 consultants. Their service now includes some 80 networks and/or collaboratives in 45 states.

Final stages of negotiating a \$500,000 contract to conduct a youth fitness assessment of elementary and middle school students in Georgia---project funded by the Philanthropic Collaborative for a Healthy Georgia.

Child Policy Symposium-Reminder that it will be held Sept 30 at Clayton College. Several folks within AYSPS submitted proposals, and a total of about 50 proposals were received overall; notifications of acceptance will go out the first week in August.

Paul Ferraro – Environmental Program

The Environmental department is in a transitional period while they are splitting off from Experimental. The Experimental folks are planning for the International Meeting of the Economic of Science Association be held in June 2006 at Georgia State University.

Paul Ferraro is featured on the home page of the GSU website, www.gsu.edu. The article, is linked to the home page, "Environmental Protection: Has Listing Endangered Animals Kept Them Safe?" and explores Ferraro's work.

James Alm – Department of Economics

The Department will be hiring this year and a lot of folks have a lot to do.

Greg Streib – Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies:

Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies "Open House" will take place on Wednesday, August 24 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the third floor.

Robert Eger was nominated by Commissioner Nancy A. Boxill and confirmed by the Board of Commissioners on July 20, 2005 to serve on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Fulton County Governance. The Blue Ribbon Commission is tasked with the role to provide the Board of Commissioners with

recommendations regarding possibilities for good governance of Fulton County and any related legislative initiatives.

Gregory B. Lewis (PAUS) and Zhenhua Hu. "Information Technology Workers in the Federal Service: More Than a Quiet Crisis?" Review of Public Personnel Administration, 2005, 25, pp. 207-224.

III. New Business

A. Approval of Candidates for Graduation – Sue Fagan

Sue Fagan presented the candidates for graduation for the summer 2005 Semester commencement ceremonies. The list was approved and passed unanimously.

B. Academic Programs Committee – Paul Farnham

Paul Farnham mentioned that normally the Academic Programs Committee doesn't meet during the summer, but there were two urgent requests, one from Economics and one from PAUS. In Economics a proposal for a new undergraduate B.A major in International Economics and Modern Languages (IEML). In PAUS 8201-: International NGO's. The APC Committee recommends approval of the proposals listed. The motion was presented to the School faculty for a vote. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

F. Other

Graduation is August 7. There will be a reception in the lobby of the AYSPS building for all students and graduates to begin at 3:00 p.m.

The AYSPS New Faculty Orientation is August 17 in room #749. It's a way that you will learn a lot about the school and what is going on here. This is separate from the University's New Faculty Orientation program that is August 16.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.