

**ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES
FALL MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2005
MINUTES**

Attendees:

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| James Alm | Jorge Martinez | Dave Sjoquist |
| Roy Bahl | Karen Minyard | Greg Steib |
| Carolyn Bourdeaux | Bob Moore | Laura Taylor |
| Julie Brown | Harvey Newman | Erdal Tekin |
| Robert Eger | Lloyd Nigro | John Thomas |
| Sue Fagan | Ragan Petrie | Geoffrey Turnbull |
| Paul Farnham | David Pitts | Eric Twombly |
| Shelby Frost | Ted Poister | Neven Valev |
| Shif Gurm | Inas Rashad | Mary Beth Walker |
| Carol Hansen | Avani Raval | Yongsheng Xu |
| Yuriy Kitsul | Mark Rider | Dennis Young |
| Susan Laury | Michael Rushton | |
| Greg Lewis | Bruce Seaman | |

Roy Bahl, Dean, called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

I. Old Business

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

II. Presentations

A. Introduction of New People

Jim Alm started off by introducing the new Economics faculty joining the school.

Jim Cox, from the University of Arizona will be joining the department of economics as the Noah Langdale Jr. Chair in Economics, and the Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar in Experimental Economics. Professor Cox is one of the preeminent scholars in experimental economics, and his coming to Georgia State University will elevate the experimental economics research as well as the teaching of experimental economics in the classroom.

Jim Alm announced the hiring of Klara Sabiranova Peter as an assistant professor in economics. She received her Ph.D. in Economics at the University

of Kentucky, and has been a visiting assistant professor at the University of Michigan. Her research interests lie in Labor Economics, Applied Economics, Public Policy, Urban and Regional Economics.

Jim Alm announced the hiring of Yuriy Kitsul as an assistant professor in economics. Professor Kitsul received his Ph.D. in Spring 2005 at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. His areas of interest are in Econometrics and Financial Economics.

Jim Alm mentioned that Jon Mansfield is now a clinical associate professor of economics.

Jim Alm mentioned that Doug Campbell and Mikheal Melnik will both be visiting assistant professors for the academic year. Both received their Ph.D. in Economics from the Andrew Young School.

Jim Alm mentioned that the department hired Todd Swarthout as a nontenure-track research assistant professor from the University of Arizona. Todd will also be operations director of the Experimental Economics Center.

Jim Alm mentioned that the department hired Vjollca Sadiraj as a visiting research assistant professor to work with Jim Cox in the Experimental Economics Center. Professor Sadiraj received her Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Amsterdam in 2002. She was a research associate at the Economic Science Laboratory at the University of Arizona.

Jorge Martinez mentioned that Emilson Silva from Tulane University was visiting with the Andrew Young School during the fall semester.

Greg Streib announced that Public Administration and Urban Studies also hired new faculty.

David Pitts joined the department as an assistant professor of public administration and urban studies. His specialties are in public management, human resource management and organizational behavior.

Eric Twombly joined the department as an assistant professor of public administration and urban studies. Professor Twombly was a senior research associate at the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C. His specialties are in nonprofit leadership and management.

Dennis Young joined the department as the Bernard B. and Eugenia A. Ramsey Chair of Private Enterprise. Professor Young comes to the Andrew Young School from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH. At Case Western, Professor Young helped establish the Mandel Center for Nonprofit Organizations, and was its director from 1988 to 1996.

Karen Minyard announced that Ernest Walker joins the center as a research associate II.

Karen Minyard also mentioned that a senior research associate, Angela Snyder, would be joining the center in January to work on Child Policy/Child Health work.

B. Dean's Report

Roy Bahl mentioned that we had quite a few high profile events during the semester:

- Homelessness Symposium
- Bruce Babbitt
- Child Policy Symposium
- President Kagame of Rwanda
- 10 Year Anniversary of the Georgia Health Policy Center
- Walter Russell Meade
- Ms. Adelcia Pires, 1st Lady of the Cape Verde Islands
- Eric Hanushek – Speaker for the Dan Sweat Lecture Series

Roy Bahl also mentioned that there were conferences that were coming up in the Spring and Summer:

- The Fiscal Research Center will be hosting an Intergovernmental Relations Conference in April 2006.
- A possible Fall 2006 program on the Future of Atlanta
- The International Studies Program will be hosting a Flat Tax Conference during the Summer of 2006.
- The Child Policy Conference in May 2006
- The Nonprofit Executive Roundtable in April 2006 – guest speaker will be Virginia Hodgkinson
- The Nonprofit Studies Program has begun a Nonprofit Brownbag Seminar Series, with the first seminar by Michael Rushton.
- Alumni Association will be hosting an Alumni Event in our building.
- During Summer 2006, Georgia State will host the International Meeting of the Economic Science Association.

Recruiting

Roy Bahl mentioned that we had a terrific recruiting during the past year. This year, the Andrew Young School as is all of Georgia State is under tremendous budgetary pressures. There are definitely going to be some cutbacks or holdbacks by Georgia State. There is a possibility that the School could lose one or more position due to budget cutbacks.

On a happier note Roy Bahl announced that the Dean's Holiday Party will be held on December 3rd at his home.

Roy Bahl mentioned that the Dean's E-News was great. However he mentioned that there was a lot going on in AYSPS, and that it would be great to have everything listed in the Dean's E-News. Make sure you submit your news items regularly.

Roy Bahl mentioned it was time to begin working on each individual's Annual Reports, and then to submit them to Bonnie Naugle who will compile the School's Annual Report.

Jim Alm talked about Economics recruiting. Econ will be recruiting for three positions: Usery Chair in Labor Economics, an Assistant Professor in Environmental/Experimental, and a Senior Professor in Public Economics.

Greg Streib gave an update to activities in Public Administration and Urban Studies. An MPA poster with application card was produced to get a larger group of students to apply to the School's MPA program. The poster will be a good marketing tool to get students to apply.

Greg Streib also mentioned that the department will be hosting an internship seminar this Friday. Representatives from GAO, FBI, and other agencies would be there to answer any questions.

Greg Strieb sadly mentioned that Atef Ghobrial passed away earlier this semester due to a heart attack. He will be missed.

Center Reports

Dave Sjoquist – Fiscal Research Center

Dave Sjoquist mentioned that the Fiscal Research Center has produced 6 reports for the legislature and the Governor's Office. Another 12 are in progress, and another 12 reports are at the beginning stages.

Dave Sjoquist also mentioned that a presentation was made to the legislative policy group at the capitol on issues with property tax as well as income tax.

Dave Sjoquist mentioned that Carolyn Bourdeaux also held a budget training course for government officials. The course was similar to a Tax 101 course, to let these officials know what tax revenues were all about.

Dave Sjoquist also mentioned that the Fiscal Research Center received a contract from Department of Human Resources to do a study on Foster Care Analysis. This project would be for four years.

Dave Sjoquist also mentioned that the Center was in search of a senior research associate to fill the position held by the retirement of Jeanie Thomas.

Dave Sjoquist also mentioned that the Fiscal Research Center had hired Edward Sennoga as a Research Associate I.

Jorge Martinez – International Studies Program

Jorge Martinez updated the faculty on the various workshops and training programs that were held or will be held.

- Spanish Training Program – professors of public finance from Spain attended a week long training program at the Andrew Young School.
- Summer Training Program – had a good group of students from developing nations at the summer training program.
- Training Program held in East Timor funded by UNDP.
- Financing local government in Tanzania, funded by the Danish Government.
- Fiscal Policy Reform in Romania funded by USAID.
- Study of Capitol grants in the Baltic States held in Budapest, Hungary.

Jorge Martinez also mentioned that Roy Bahl would be the recipient of the Holland Medal in Public Finance this fall at the National Tax Association Conference.

Jorge Martinez also mentioned that Paul Kagunda, an Economics Ph.D. student was in Tanzania doing some work. As well as Abdu Muwonge, another Economics Ph.D. student who was working in Uganda.

Karen Minyard - Georgia Health Policy Center

Karen Minyard mentioned that the GHPC has reached the 10 year threshold. Now the GHPC staff is looking at what they have worked on and where the GHPC needs to go moving forward.

Karen Minyard mentioned that she has had discussions with some Andrew Young School Advisory Board members, and some have shown a keen interest in the center and want to help out with some fund-raising.

Karen Minyard mentioned that the Building Strong Families organization has awarded GHPC a national grant for four years. GHPC was one of four organizations nationwide to receive this grant.

Karen Minyard mentioned that the Georgia Health Policy Center was working with the 50 Governor's Offices to reform Medicaid. In Georgia, 250 leaders were brought together for a summit to talk about Medicaid in Georgia and how the state should deal with issues related to Medicaid.

Karen mentioned that Georgia ranked 45th out of 50 states in health status. GHPC was coordinating a summit for a Healthy Georgia.

Karen Minyard also mentioned that the GHPC was working on a major project with the Governor's Office on the uninsured. Some of the ideas mentioned regarding the uninsured problem was some type of partnership (local/private partnership).

Roy Bahl mentioned that Greg Lewis received an award by the American Psychology Foundation to do a study.

Roy Bahl also mentioned that Ted Poister received a grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation to do a personnel management study.

Roy Bahl mentioned that the School was aspiring to be the best policy school in the nation, and that the more work our faculty and researchers do externally puts us on the map to be recognized by others. It is always great to hear all the great things going on in the school.

Julie Brown – Development Report

Julie Brown updated the school on development activity.

The Georgia State University Annual Fund was beginning its campaign for 2006, and was going to start by contacting Alumni. The Annual Giving office has had a change over in staff, and the new staff is enthusiastic in raising money for Georgia State.

Julie Brown mentioned that the School received a generous gift from John Portman to name the 6th floor Dean's Conference Room.

Julie Brown also mentioned some major initiatives in the school. One was to set up the Nonprofit Center, and have it named. Another initiative was to find funding for certain program in the Health Policy Center.

Julie Brown mentioned that the School has over 300 prospects, and that there were over 400 alumni prospects. These 700+ people will be contact by the development office to see if they would consider giving to the School.

Julie Brown also mentioned that a Donor Wall will soon be hanging in the School's lobby.

Dean Bahl mentioned that work was beginning on the 10-year anniversary celebration. There will definitely be one big celebration, but many events will be occurring during the year.

Senate Report

Shelby Frost reported on activity from select Georgia State Senate Committees.

CAP (GSU Academic Programs Committee – formerly APACE) will be discussing deactivation of certain programs.

Faculty Affairs committee is working on non-tenure track governance. The committee will also be updating the Faculty Handbook.

The GSU senate also discussed that students should be declaring a major at 42 credit hours (a change from the previous 60 credit hours).

The Planning and Development Committee was undertaking the update of the GSU Strategic Plan.

The CAP Committee passed Econ's new degree program.

Susan Laury mentioned that the IS&T Committee would be soliciting for Tech Fee proposals in January 2006. AYS Proposals were to be coordinated between Susan Laury and Jeff Pruett.

Susan Laury also mentioned that the Old WebCT would no longer be supported. Everyone should have transitioned to Vista. The University will be switching to Vista only by January.

III. New Business

A. Approval of Candidates for Graduation – Sue Fagan

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

B. Academic Programs Committee – Paul Farnham

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. For more detailed information, please see handouts.

C. Promotion and Tenure Committee – Ted Poister

The Promotion and Tenure Committee reviewed the nomination for one faculty member eligible for Promotion and Tenure. The P&T Committee is happy to announce that Sally Wallace's Promotion to the rank of Professor has been sent onto the Provost Office for determination in the Spring semester.

D. Elections

Triennial Evaluation Elections

Triennial Evaluation for the Associate Provost for Information and Technology (J.L. Albert). Susan Laury was nominated by Mark Rider; the motion was seconded and unanimously elected by the faculty.

Triennial Evaluation for the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (Ron Henry). Sally Wallace was nominated by Mark Rider; the motion was seconded and unanimously elected by the faculty.

Triennial Evaluation for the Vice President for Finance and Administration (Jerry Rackcliffe). Katherine Willoughby was nominated by Greg Streib; the motion was seconded and unanimously elected by the faculty.

Triennial Evaluation for the Vice President for Student Services (Hazel Scott). Carol Hansen was nominated by Greg Streib; the motion was seconded and unanimously elected by the faculty.

AYSPS Committee Elections

Academic Programs Committee

Greg Streib nominated Harvey Newman to serve a two-year term (Fall 2005 to Fall 2007). The motion was seconded and unanimously elected by the faculty.

Ragan Petrie nominated Mark Rider to serve a two-year term (Fall 2005 to Fall 2007). The motion was seconded and unanimously elected by the faculty.

Faculty Affairs Committee

Greg Streib nominated Christine Roch to serve a two-year term (Fall 2005 to Fall 2007). The motion was seconded and unanimously elected by the faculty.

Geoffrey Turnbull nominated Bruce Seaman to serve a two-year term (Fall 2005 to Fall 2007). The motion was seconded and unanimously elected by the faculty.

E. Other

Laura Taylor mentioned that the Environmental Policy Program is no longer a separate entity at the AYS. It has been folded into a group and now is a part of the Domestic Studies Program.

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