

ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES
Summer Faculty Meeting
July 24, 2007

MINUTES

Attendees:

James Alm	David Pitts
Carolyn Bourdeaux	Avani Raval
Bill Doerr	Mark Rider
Abel Embaye	Felix Rioja
Sue Fagan	Jon Rork
Paul Farnham	Bruce Seaman
Shelby Frost	Dave Sjoquist
Shif Gurmu	Angie Snyder
Bruce Kaufman	Paula Stephan
Janelle Kerlin	Greg Streib
Yuriy Kitsul	Todd Swarhout
Susan Laury	John Thomas
Greg Lewis	Tom Wade
Jim Martin	Mary Beth Walker
Jim Marton	Sally Wallace
John Matthews	Laura Wheeler
Robert Moore	Dennis Young
Harvey Newman	Yongsheng Xu

I. Old Business

Dean, Jim Alm called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. The minutes of the Spring 2007 meeting were presented to the faculty and were unanimously approved.

II. Presentations

A. Introduction of New People

Susan Laury introduced the new people joining the Department of Economics.

Jim Marton joins the department as an associate professor from the University of Kentucky at the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration. His areas of specialty are in health economics, public economics and applied microeconomics. He is located on the 4th floor in room 427.

Abel Embaye joins the department as a visiting assistant professor. He is a recent graduate of the Andrew Young School and his specialties are in public economics, public finance in developing countries, and applied econometrics. He is located on the 6th floor in room 647.

Also joining the department in Spring 2008 will be Barry Hirsch. He will be the inaugural holder of the W.J. Usery, Jr. Chair of the American Workplace. He comes to the Andrew Young School from Trinity University in Texas. His specialties are in labor economics and applied microeconomics.

Greg Streib introduced the new people joining the Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies.

Joining the department is Shena Ashley as an assistant professor. She is a recent graduate of the Andrew Young School's joint doctoral public policy degree. She also directed the research and policy unit of the Annie E. Casey Foundation Atlanta Civic Site. Her specialties are in nonprofit/philanthropic studies, evaluation and performance measurement, and community economic development. She is located on the 3rd floor in room 353.

Jim Martin joins the department as an executive fellow in public administration and MPA program development director. Prior to joining the department, Jim Martin had a distinguished career in public service. He held various leadership positions in the legislative, executive and judicial branches of Georgia State government. In his current capacity at the School, he will be working with faculty, staff, and students to refine the department's nationally ranked MPA program and to build on the progress that has already been made. He is located on the 3rd floor in room 316.

Cynthia Searcy will also be joining the department beginning in Spring 2008 as an assistant professor. She will be completing her Ph.D. in public administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University this fall. Her areas of interest are public budgeting and finance, education policy, and childhood obesity.

Angie Snyder introduced the new people joining the Georgia Health Policy Center.

Ethan Joselow joined the center as a research associate. He has a masters of public health from Emory University. He will be working on the center's Community Health System Development team.

B. Dean's Report

Dean, Jim Alm gave the Dean's Report.

Dean Alm mentioned that he has been on the job since July 1, 2007. He gave an update on the Dean's position. His term as Dean is open ended. As of this instance, he is keeping an open mind about the position. Being in the "acting dean" position gives him an inside view of the demands of the position. He has not made a decision on whether to seek the deanship, but will let everyone know once a decision has been made.

As Dean, he plans to meet with all faculty and staff and the advisory board one on one to collect information about what they think of the school and what they see as issues. Ms. Swafford will be contacting you all to schedule these meetings. There will also be a monthly Dean's meeting with faculty and staff and a separate one with graduate students where all concerns, issues, news, etc can be discussed. Dean Alm wants to keep an open line of communication. Even with an acting dean, the school's business still needs to be tended too.

Dean Alm mentioned that there will be an open door policy for anyone wishing to talk to him.

C. Report from the Centers

Angie Snyder gave the report for the Georgia Health Policy Center.

Angie Snyder announced that currently the Center has 40+ grants that are active.

The Center is also working with the Grady Task Force to ensure that that the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce is informed properly on the health aspects of Grady to the metro region.

The center is also working on a Legislative Education Initiative where the representatives will be informed on health issues for the state of Georgia, especially on Peachcare, the uninsured, rural health, etc.

The Georgia Health Policy Center through the Rural Health Network is now working in 160 communities in 49 states.

The Center is also participating in a mobile classroom that will travel along the I-75 corridor to educate people on healthcare and how healthcare is an economic engine.

Dennis Young gave the report for the Nonprofit Studies Program.

Dennis Young reported that the Nonprofit Executive Program held in partnership with Emory University and the Georgia Center for Nonprofits was a huge success. 37 participants from various countries attended the week long program. From the

feedback, there will probably be more of these training programs, more focused towards specific sectors, for example, one for the Jewish Community.

The philanthropy study group is currently working on a report regarding nonprofits in Georgia and on how resources are distributed around the state.

Faculty in the Nonprofit Studies Program are also working on books that will be published soon.

Dennis Young announced that there will be a Fall UPS Lecture on Nonprofit Leadership, Governance and Economic Stewardship. Francie Ostrower from the Urban Institute will be the distinguished speaker.

Dennis Young announced that various faculty in Nonprofit Studies are on the host committee for the fall ARNOVA conference which will be held in Atlanta at the Omni Hotel in November.

Dave Sjoquist gave the report for the Fiscal Research Center/Domestic Programs.

Dave Sjoquist reported that Dana Rickman received an additional \$170,000 grant to work on the PreK Project in Georgia.

The FRC received a grant from the Department of Transportation for \$566,000.

The FRC received a grant from the Governor's Office for three special studies.

The FRC is working on a Chancellor's initiative on student needs.

The FRC is working on redeveloping its website to the new RedDot system, and it should be live soon.

To date this year, the FRC has completed 21 Reports and/or Briefs.

The FRC continues to get requests from a variety of individuals in the state legislature, as well as various local governments to work on projects.

The FRC is working on a study that would analyze the effects of eliminating all taxes, and imposing a value added tax.

The FRC is also working on a study on "how do you fund local government."

Todd Swarthout gave the report on the Experimental Economics Center.

Todd Swarthout mentioned that the proposal to make the Experimental Economics Program an official center was submitted to the Georgia State

University Senate. The Center proposal was approved in the spring, and the ExCEN Center is now official.

The concentration in experimental Economics in the Ph.D. in Economics has been approved, and the courses will now be offered.

The Experimental Economics Center's faculty conducted four workshops. Three in the U.S. and one in Bratislava. As a result of the Bratislava workshop, many other universities overseas have made inquiries into setting up workshops at their locations.

While in Slovenia, Jim Cox was interviewed on Slovenian National TV.

Mark Rider gave the report on the International Studies Program

Mark Rider reported that ISP faculty and research associates were working in Egypt, Pakistan, Macedonia, Guatemala, and Namibia on various fiscal decentralization and public finance projects.

Mark Rider reported that the Summer Training Program for mid to upper level government officials was continuing and class attendance was quite good with at least 20 students registered in each of the four classes so far.

Mark Rider also mentioned that the ISP just completed another successful Summer School in Public Economics for faculty from leading economics schools in Spain.

Tom Wade gave the report on the Public Performance Management Group.

Tom Wade mentioned that PPM/PRL was working with community programs and nonprofits to assist in transitioning of disabled students into employment.

Tom Wade mentioned that PPM has received a contract from the State of Georgia to conduct a customer service survey. PPM will develop a survey of workplace satisfaction for employees.

Tom Wade also mentioned that the next session of the Balanced Scorecard will be in August.

Tom Wade mentioned that the conference on Aging is scheduled for September 26th. Policy makers from state and local governments have been invited. The conference will be based upon three areas: Long Term Care, Fiscal/Economic Issues, and Livable Communities.

Greg Streib mentioned that PAUS will hold its annual open house on September 11th. The Department was also working on a fall newsletter on what's new in

PAUS. There will also be a career week in November, and it will be promoted as a school-wide event.

Susan Laury mentioned that the Summer Internship Program was a great success again. A survey of the students rated the program 5 out of 5.

Susan Laury also mentioned that there were two weddings this summer – Jon Rork and Erdal Tekin both got married.

D. Development Report – Bill Doerr

Bill Doerr announced that as of June 30th, the School had raised \$400,000. Of that amount, eight donors gave over \$10,000.

Ten major proposals were submitted to funding agents/foundations.

E. Approval of Candidates for Summer Graduation – Sue Fagan

The candidate list was presented to the faculty prior to the meeting. A motion was made to approve the list. The motion was seconded and the list was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55