Members present: Carl Patton (presiding), Ahmed Abdelal, Cleon Arrington, Reid Christenberry, Tim Crimmins, Sam Deitz, Sid Harris, Ron Henry, Charlene Hurt, Fred Jacobs, Susan Kelley, Tom Lewis, John Marshall, Bob McGinnis, John Newman, Jim Scott, Carol Whitcomb, Carol Winkler

Members absent: Paul Alberto, Roy Bahl, Bill Decatur, Mary Finn, Janice Griffith, Hugh Hudson, John Lampl

Others present: Lily Berrios (with Sizemore/Floyd), Anne Emanuel (for Dr. Griffith), Libby Martinez (for Mr. Lampl), Paula Stephan (for Dr. Bahl), Francis Stone, Edgar Torbert (secretary), Harry Wyatt

Business

Dr. Patton opened the meeting with brief remarks about (1) passage of the Alpharetta bond issue for the new North Metro campus; (2) status of land acquisition efforts for the new classroom building project; (3) the recreation center project; and (4) attention to customer service and changing student expectations.

Dr. Deitz made a motion to approve minor changes to the College of Education bylaws. Dr. Arrington seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Discussion of Proposed Master Plan Models

Mr. Wyatt opened discussion of master plan models, which to be presented to Board of Regents staff in September and then refined for presentation to the Board of Regents in January. He reported favorable reactions from discussions with city and neighborhood officials and groups, in particular for proposed changes to Decatur, Gilmer and Collins Streets and for additional student housing.

Ms. Berrios presented an overview of the master plan models and the bases of their development. She noted the plans would accommodate enrollment of 28,000 students, addition of housing for 2,000 students, and addition of parking for 1,000 cars. Ms. Berrios stated the current deficit in space according to analyses done by Sizemore/Floyd was approximately 400,000 assignable square feet for new housing and 500,000 assignable square feet to accommodate projected growth in enrollment. She stated as general principles the following: concentration of academic and administrative functions at the campus core; relocation of support functions to the campus periphery; use of "streetscape" to define campus edges; encouragement of student housing on campus; encouragement of pedestrian and bicycle traffic on campus; and encouragement of mass transit use.

Dr. Deitz questioned the emphasis given in the master plan models to space needs of student services versus that for faculty and research. Ms. Berrios replied that new lab space of 200,000 assignable square feet was included, with approximately half for instructional labs and half for research labs. Dr. Abdelal reiterated concern about understated needs for faculty and research; in particular, office space for faculty, GRAs and academic-department staff. Dr. Crimmins added that the models should identify existing office buildings in the vicinity of the campus which could meet these office space needs. Dr. Abdelal urged that office building acquisitions be included as part of the vision for the campus.

Dr. Harris asked about the phasing of the additions and improvements proposed in the various models. Ms. Berrios replied that 5- and 10-year snapshots would be provided to the Regents. Dr. Crimmins
asked about the necessity of forwarding three models. Ms. Berrios replied that the Regents required three models, but a preference among the three could be stated. Dr. Abdelal voiced support for the "Main Street" scheme with the addition of academic office space components.

Dr. Harris commented on the desirability of having a focal point of the campus for university community interaction or a "heart" of the campus. Dr. McGinnis suggested Collins Street could be modified to provide a site of this type. Dr. Deitz suggested another site could be the open area left if Kell Hall is demolished. Dr. Crimmins suggested the "Decatur Street" nomenclature for one of the models be extended to "Decatur-Marietta Streets". Dr. Harris reiterated support for the science lab project as the number one priority.

Other Items

Dr. Henry commented briefly on the status of enrollment, semester conversion, etc. He characterized the situation as "waiting for the students to enroll".

Dr. Patton welcomed Dr. Kelley to the Administrative Council.

Dr. Henry noted two major successes of FY98: $56.5M in grants and contracts and $13M in gifts.

Ms. Martinez introduced herself as SGA Vice President for Public Relations and representing Mr. Lampl, the new SGA President, at this meeting.