President's Remarks

Dr. Patton recognized new members of Administrative Council for 2000-2001: Dr. Deitz introduced Dr. Colarusso who will succeed him as Acting Dean of the College of Education, effective July 1. Dr. Henry introduced Dr. Emanuel (new member of the Senate Executive Committee), Ms. Williams (new president of the Staff Advisory Council), and Mr. Edwards (new president of the Student Government Association). Dr. Henry also introduced guests attending the meeting: Mr. Cornelius and Mr. Pratt from Cornelius & Associates, Mr. Pankey from Information Systems & Technology, and Ms. Beck, graduate student in higher education administration program working with Dr. Henry.

Dr. Patton commented on the Board of Regents decision to make the proposed teaching lab building, the first new item of the University System capital projects list. Dr. Patton expressed gratitude for work done by the University Relations and Creative Services office to prepare materials for his presentation to the Board of Regents. He also noted Dr. Bottoms was presented to the Board of Regents as the new state poet laureate.

Dr. Patton reminded the members of the importance of taking vacation time and that July 3 would not be a university holiday because of the 12-day annual limit on paid holidays.

SCT/Banner Student Information System

Mr. Cornelius presented an overview of the readiness study completed by Cornelius & Associates concerning implementation of SCT/Banner Student Information System software. He explained the objective of Cornelius & Associates would be to provide leadership coaching and project management training to enable completion on-time and on-budget. Mr. Cornelius stated Mr. Pratt, the on-site person for Cornelius & Associates, had the software development and implementation expertise necessary for the project and had worked extensively on the successful implementation for Connecticut State.

Dr. McGinnis voiced concern about diverting current staff with SCT/Banner experience to this project. Mr. Pankey responded there would be some reorganization to cover existing service commitments. Dr. Henry assured the project budget would include provision for backfill positions to maintain on-going services. He noted the overall budget would be in the range of $10.5M.

Mr. Cornelius projected a time line for going live with Summer 2002 registration and overall completion in December 2002. Dr. Henry added that the financial aid components would require earlier implementation in January 2002 in order to process financial aid packages for Fall 2002.

Dr. Henry expressed confidence in the process used by Cornelius & Associates in the initial on-campus meetings. He pointed out 31 other institutions in the University System had already switched to SCT/Banner SIS and Version 2000 of the software was web-based with much improvement.

Dr. Griffith emphasized the need to include the College of Law in sharing information about financial aid development. Dr. Henry replied that the deans would receive monthly reports and information would be available at a web site for the project. Dr. Babey added that the College of Law was represented in the financial aid focus groups.

Faculty-Staff Campaign

Dr. McGinnis reported the Faculty-Staff Campaign was extremely close to meeting its goals and encouraged deans and vice presidents to remind faculty and staff who had not contributed to date. He pointed out that the campaign had already placed Georgia State among the very highest in the nation in percentage of faculty and staff giving to their employing institution.
Reception for Dr. Deitz

Following the meeting there was a reception for Dr. Deitz. Dr. Henry thanked Dr. Deitz for his service to the College of Education and Georgia State, and wished him well as the new dean of the School of Education at Texas Christian University.