Minutes of January 10, 2001 were approved.

Dr. Henry announced enrollments for spring semester of approximately 240,000 semester credit hours (SCHs), an increase of 9,000 SCHs over the previous spring semester. This increase followed summer and fall semester enrollments which in combination netted no increase toward the annual goal of an increase of 15,000 SCHs.

Dr. Henry announced the Recreation Center construction project had fallen 4-5 weeks behind so that occupancy would not occur before June 2001.

Mr. Lewis reported on proceedings in the state legislature affecting higher education. The House had acted on the supplemental budget in several negative ways, including a $5 million reduction in the $24 million match to the fiscal year carryforward by the University System, a $1 million reduction in ETACT funding, and a $500,000 reduction in funding for the Pullen Library brick repair project. The budget would subsequently be acted upon by the Senate with follow-up action by the Conference Committee to iron out differences.

Dr. Harris asked about the size of the state surplus under which such decisions were being made. Mr. Lewis quoted a surplus figure of $900 million, and expressed optimism the Governor would help the University System, which was under fire from key legislators because of semester conversion costs.

Dr. Henry called attention to successes of the men’s and women’s basketball teams and encouraged attendance at upcoming home games.

Dean’s Report: College of Law

Dr. Griffith noted the College of Law started largely because of the closing of the part-time law program at Emory and is still the only part-time program in Georgia. She commented on several areas of quality, including offerings in state law, legislation and policy; the Center for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (CNCR); the summer academy for international commercial arbitration; the tax clinic; and joint degree programs with the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, the J. Mack Robinson College of Business, and the College of Arts Sciences. Dr. Griffith also noted endeavors by distinguished alumni, in particular the Red Hot Law Group which provides hands-on help for start-up technology companies.

Dr. Griffith presented a statistical profile, including 30% applicant acceptance rate, LSAT of 156,
GPA of 3.20, 598 students, 31% part-time, 47% male, 9.1% African American, 94% employed within 6 months of graduation, and top passage rate in all categories on the July 2000 state bar exam. She also highlighted the moot court teams, the Law Review, the faculty profile with faculty graduates of a number of top law schools, and the law library.

Dr. Griffith cited internal and university challenges for the College of Law: Internal-developing consensus of vision, faculty development in areas of scholarship productivity and relevant instruction, technology, development of distinctive programs, strategic plan; University-facilities, private funding, keeping momentum in flat budget years, playing meaningful role in university, increasing faculty awareness of role in university, increasing academic connections across the university.

Dr. Harris commented on collaboration between the Robinson College of Business and the College of Law in the area of e-commerce, including the potential for a corporate directors college. Dr. McGinnis suggested the incubator business model of the sciences for Red Hot Law Group type start-ups. Dr. Louis noted meetings with Dr. Marshall and patent attorneys about marketability issues. Dr. Griffith noted growing importance of knowledge about the businesses for which attorneys are working. Mr. Lewis commented that while Speaker Murphy had initially opposed the establishment of the College of Law, all of his current partners were graduates of the College of Law.

Vice President for Research

Dr. Louis requested a name change from Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs to Vice President for Research for his vice president area. The responsibilities of the unit have changed with the absorption of Grants and Contracts. Dr. Colarusso made a motion to change the name of the unit as proposed. Ms. Hurt seconded the motion. The motion passed. Dr. Henry stated the recommendation would be forwarded accordingly to the Board of Regents.

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