The minutes of February 7 were approved as distributed.

Dean's Report: College of Health & Human Sciences

Dr. Kelley presented the dean's report on the College of Health & Human Sciences. Dr. Kelley outlined the history of the college and its mission to improve health and well being through an interdisciplinary approach and a community focus. She listed the departments and degree programs of the college and the number of graduated produced by field. She noted examples of successful alumni of the college. Dr. Kelley pointed out the percentage representation of minorities among undergraduate (56%, including 47% African American) and graduate (30%) students in the college. She also commented on the 73% female and 21% minority representation in faculty (with objective of increasing Hispanic faculty). Dr. Kelley cited a number of health, social work and criminal justice agencies with which the college has established relationships.

Dr. Kelley highlighted community partnerships of the college, including the migrant farm workers project in South Georgia, the Healthy Grandparents project, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School partnership, Teen Smart, and the math and science summer program for minority youth. Dr. Kelley also highlighted international involvements, including the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange, the Laboratory for Elite Athlete Performance, the Georgia-to-Georgia (Atlanta-Tbilisi) healthcare partnership, and the Health Families-Healthy Communities program initiated in Botswana.

Dr. Kelley called attention to an increase in external research funding from $0.7M in 1996 to $2.2M in 2000. She pointed to now degree programs under development including the Masters of Public Health (with Arts & Sciences, Policy Studies, and Business), nursing informatics, criminal justice PhD, nutrition MS/internship, and various joint degrees. She also commented on challenges facing the college, including competition within the university for resources, hiring and retention of faculty, changes in the health care profession, and the shortage of nurses.

President's Remarks

Dr. Patton gave an update on efforts to build 360 unites of graduate, married, and international student housing on Grady Hospital property adjacent to the campus. He stated the bond issue for the project had garnered an AAA rating.

Dr. Patton reported the 4.5% raise pool for faculty and staff was holding through the budget legislative process, and that the Pullen Library brick project was funded in the supplemental budget for $3.7 million.

Dr. Patton commended the men's and women's basketball teams for outstanding seasons culminating in NCAA tournament appearances. He observed that the basketball successes had resulted in much publicity for the university across the nation.

Web Page Design/Coordination

Dr. Patton announced an initiative to improve the web presence of the university to compare more favorably with corporate web sites. He indicated a university web designer would be hired and located in the University Relations area. Ms. Hines reported on the web designer search and the creation of the University Web Advisory Committee. Dr. Louis commented on the importance of effectively routing feedback to the university level. Dr. Griffith suggested adding students to the committee. Dr. Bahl inquired about web designers currently located in the colleges or departments. Dr. Abdelal replied that some departments in Arts & Sciences had their own web designers, in some cases interested faculty members.

Andrew Young Birthday Party
Dr. Bahl reminded that the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies would be hosting events on March 9 to celebrate Andrew Young's birthday and to raise endowment funds.