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Andrew Young School of Policy Studies

Dr. Bahl presented the dean’s report for the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, which is celebrating its fifth year. He noted healthy enrollment patterns, in particular for Economics, with respect to credit hours and representation by minorities and women. Dr. Bahl listed a number of joint programs for AYSPS including the Albany State master’s program, the Georgia Tech PhD program in policy studies, the Morehouse-South Africa program, the Delta campus program, Robinson College of Business service courses, Ron Brown Institute, joint faculty appointments with colleges of Health & Human Sciences and Education, the Dan Sweat chair, the MPA/JD degree program, and a joint symposium with the College of Law on urban sprawl. Dr. Bahl highlighted the service learning program as a community outreach endeavor involving 91 students. Dr. Bahl pointed out in addition to 29 Economics and 22 Public Administration & Urban Studies regular faculty, there are 32 faculty on “permanent” soft money engaged in a variety of projects.

Dr. Bahl cited national rankings for AYSPS such as #31 in public affairs (by USN&WR), #6 in public finance and budget, and #7 in urban policy. He pointed to faculty scholarship resulting in 237 publications last year, projects in 26 countries, and $41M in grant activity, including $9M in new grants. Dr. Bahl announced new initiatives in such areas as child policy (with UPS support), education reform (Georgia and North Carolina), inter-governmental reform (state and local), Colorado tax reform, and auctioning of water rights. He mentioned outreach efforts including advising the Governor and legislature, environmental projects, the Water Policy Center (with Albany State), and philanthropic collaborations on health policy in Georgia. Dr. Bahl described wide range of AYSPS international programs in developing and transitional countries. He noted the Mandela Scholars program, programs with South Africa and the University of the West Indies, the Indonesia master’s degree program, and Palestinian government leaders training. He also mentioned training programs for the World Bank, Uganda, Sri Lanka and Moscow.

Dr. Bahl quoted assets of $9M in the AYSPS endowment, including $1M from Coca Cola and $1.2M from the Andrew Young birthday gala. He listed the members of the AYSPS advisory board. He looked forward to the occupancy of the former Wachovia Building. Dr. Bahl predicted more of the same for the future of the AYSPS and emphases on the not-for-profit sector, an international master’s degree program, a “think tank image”, and enhancing undergraduate policy studies and economics. Dr. Kelley commented on the Andrew Young birthday gala and the images of President Clinton interacting with students.

USGa Collaborative Effort Awards
Dr. Henry announced an April 27 deadline for the University System of Georgia collaborative effort awards.

Admissions

Dr. Henry reported freshman admissions for fall 2001 were up slightly (3,010 to 3,070) and transfer admissions were up significantly (480 to 820). He reminded that the Freshman Index cutoff was rising from 2,300 to 2,400.

Budget

Dr. Henry gave an overview of the FY2002 budget situation. He explained initial communications from the Chancellor had indicated an $8M shortfall for the University System, but subsequently the shortfall was determined to be $54M [later $56M]. Dr. Henry projected the Georgia State share of the shortfall to be $6M. He added that prior commitments for FY2002 funding amounted to $1.8M so the problem for Georgia State totaled $7.8M. Dr. Henry noted upcoming meetings of the Chancellor and system institution presidents and the full Board of Regents, which would provide more information on discussions with the Governor about supplemental funding. He pointed out the 4.5% salary increase pool was only 3/4 covered by new state appropriations, with the rest to come from internal revenues (tuition). He reported the tuition increase for Georgia State would be either 4% or 5% as determined by the Board of Regents [actual 5%]. He estimated the difference in revenue for 1% to $600K.

Dr. Henry stated the budget situation would necessitate “off-budget” approaches to funding some on-going projects, while maintaining a contingency fund for emergencies. He mentioned among these projects: Banner student information system software implementation, GSUNet2, occupancy of the Wachovia Building, moves triggered by the opening Recreation Center, and occupancy of the Aderhold Learning Center.

Dr. Griffith asked about the impact of the tuition increase on the budget situation. Dr. Henry replied that the increase would be reflected in the estimated revenues, but the state appropriation would still take into account semester credit hours generated and the institutional share of the University System shortfall. Dr. Hudson asked about the erosion of the contingency fund if the Banner and GSUNet2 projects continued at the current rate. Dr. Henry responded that the expenditures from contingency funds for these projects were not absolute, and that options would be considered including extension of time lines and reliance on a University System computer platform. Dr. Abdelal urged examination of funding for all cost centers with regard to potential damage to academic units, capacity to produce semester credit hours, and meeting new admission standards. Dr. Bahl cited state economic conditions which were not conducive to increased funding for higher education. Mr. Lewis voiced hope that in an election year there would be some benefit for higher education. Dr. Abdelal called attention to the impact of the 120-semester credit hour cap on degree programs. Dr. Hudson commented that another issue was the number of semester credit hours per course. Mr. Christenberry noted continuing budget cuts would still be necessary if Banner and GSUNet2 were halted. Dr. Bahl urged selective pruning and staggering through the
year in order not to overdo, if enrollments exceeded expectations. Dr. Griffith stated a 3% cut would be devastating to the College of Law. Dr. Kelley echoed that a 3% cut would hit faculty positions.

**Project/Grant Reports on Spectrum**

Dr. Louis announced project/grant reports like those formerly available on the legacy system would be operational on Spectrum, with a training session on April 10.

**Faculty/Staff Campaign**

Dr. McGinnis announced a 46% participation rate to date in the faculty/staff campaign, with a goal of 75%.