Minutes of November 3 were approved.

**President’s remarks**

Dr. Patton commented on reports of improvement in the state budget picture. He reminded that the annualized effect of FY05 budget cuts would be $7.3M for FY06.

Dr. Patton pointed to encouraging developments concerning the science teaching, science research, and regional biocontainment laboratory buildings. He announced a $5M naming gift for the science teaching laboratory building. Ms. Peterman gave credit to Ms. Hawkins for securing this gift. Dr. Patton indicated design funding would be available in FY06.

Dr. Bahl commented that Georgia was recovering more slowly than the rest of the nation, but that this was probably only a timing issue. He noted jobs were being created at lower salary levels than those which had been eliminated during the downturn.

Mr. Lewis pointed out that Georgia State had greater representation by alumni in the legislature than ever before. He described several efforts to bring alumni legislators together to foster allegiance and help build a coalition to support Georgia State initiatives.

Dr. Patton reported on recent opportunities to talk with individual Regents about the Humanities Building.

**Center for Collaborative Arts and Research**

Dr. Adamson stated that the proposed Center for Collaborative Arts and Research had been an outgrowth of the areas of focus process initiated in FY04. She reported enthusiastic support for the center from the Chairs Council, the Executive Committee, and the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Bottoms commented on the strong collection of faculty talent in the fine arts and the potential for Georgia State to become a major leader in the arts in the metropolitan area. He characterized the center as the vehicle to launch, coordinate and nourish collaborations to strengthen the vision and profile of the university in the arts. He indicated the proposal called for no additional funding from the university to start the center.

Dr. Bahl asked about future intentions to ask for additional funding from the university. Dr. Adamson replied that any requests would be part of the regular process for asking for new funds
for the college. Dr. Bahl spoke for holding off decisions on new centers until decisions were made about existing centers through the program evaluation process already underway.

Dr. Henry offered an amendment to the proposal suggested by Mr. Rackliffe: “We further recognize that any budgetary enhancement requests would follow established university guidelines and be processed through the Dean’s Office of the College of Arts and Sciences as part of the annual budget cycle.” Dr. Patton reminded that a similar statement had been approved in the case of the Center for Metropolitan and Neighborhood Studies. Dr. Henry reiterated that the approval sought from the Administrative Council was for establishment of the center, not funding.

Dr. Henry made a motion to approve the proposal with the additional of the statement about new funding. Dr. Colarusso seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dr. Henry distributed a printout of the list of centers, consortia, and institutes found on the Provost web site and asked the deans to verify the listings and check the web links. Dr. Patton urged further checks of web links and information on all university web sites to minimize inconsistent postings.

Administrative Program Evaluations

Dr. Henry announced the deadline for administrative program evaluation submissions had slipped one month, and consequently initial Administrative Council review would occur at the February meeting rather than this meeting. He noted some confusion in early responses regarding high-low scoring for duplication (high score intended for non-duplication) among the three stated criteria of centrality, scope and duplication. Dr. Henry pointed to the objectives of identifying activities which add little value and to find ways to reduce administrative costs.

Announcements

Dr. Henry announced new titles for Dr. Fritz (Associate Provost for Academic Programs) and Ms. Hurt (Dean of Libraries).

Ms. Hurt commented on the Google Scholar bibliographic service.

Dr. Colarusso announced the first electronic dissertation in the College of Education.

Dr. Bahl announced the appointment of Mr. Usery as senior executive fellow in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. Dr. Patton added that Mr. Usery had suffered an apparent heart attack while in Washington, DC.

Dr. Morris announced appointment of Dr. Lederberg as Associate Vice President for Research.

Dr. Marshall commented on the availability of $500 emergency loans for employees through the Georgia State Credit Union.

Mr. Lewis reminded that the annual legislative event would be January 10 at the state capitol.
Dr. Adamson reported on efforts by Dr. Perera to aid Sri Lankans in the aftermath of the tsunami.

Dr. Huss announced upcoming events for the Real Estate and Marketing alumni clubs.