University Senate Budget Committee
Minutes
July 31, 1997


Guest: Joe Fisher

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by the Chair, John de Castro.

I. Approval of Minutes
   The minutes of the June 26 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. Budget Status
   The usual review of the Budget was not conducted as Jerry Rackliffe was unable to attend the meeting. However, it was noted that of the year-end sweep money, $1.3M went to the library and $250,000 went to the Law Library. This brought the Pullen Library allocation to $3.9M. The total amount of year-end sweep money was not known.

III. Facility Condition Analysis
   Joe Fisher presented the Facility Condition Analysis. Projects are scheduled into one of four priority classes, with the first being those needing immediate attention, class two including those scheduled for the next two years, class three being in the two-to-five year range, followed by the least urgent class four projects. Work categorized in these four classes presently totals $37M, with $9M in class one. The needs of the ADA total $4.7M. Of the FY98 MRR (Major Repair and Renovation) requests, seven items in the Regular Projects list were funded for a total of $1.5M, and two of the Regulatory Projects were funded for an additional $234,000. Joe pointed out that the formula for determining the amount of funds allocated per institution has been changed to one based on the size and age of the buildings needing renovation/repair.

   Joe reviewed with the committee the maintenance and repair items that were not funded in the present fiscal year appropriation. There were a large number of such items that need to be attended to soon, such as, roofing, building waterproofing, renovations to meet ADA guidelines, and chiller replacements. It was noted that many of GSU's buildings were built around the same time and have now reached an age where many repairs will be required. Joe noted that the Plaza was aging and in need of replacement. The acquisition of other older buildings, given to Georgia State, has presented special challenges as these buildings are often found to have been poorly maintained and in need of major repairs. It was noted that current funding is woefully inadequate and that more money needs to be allocated for these needed repairs and renovations.
The request was made that the CBSAC minutes be forwarded to Bill Waugh to be used by the Other Budgets and One Time Expenditures Subcommittee in forming recommendations for funding of maintenance and repair items. Joe Fisher agreed to do this.

IV. Other Business
The recommendation was made to review the deadline dates for the next budget cycle to insure adequate preparation time. It was suggested that a meeting between FACP and President Patton be included in the schedule to occur before the final appropriation decisions are reached. Guidelines are expected to be completed by the middle of August.

There was a brief discussion regarding the expansion of FACP to include all the deans. It was pointed out that a recent suggestion to include an associate provost met with some resistance, as it is felt that expansion of FACP could result in a group too large to be effective. It was also pointed out that FACP was intended to be a small group monitored by the Senate Budget Committee.

With the note made to distribute the Facility Condition Analysis report with the minutes, the meeting adjourned at 2:30.

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