The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM by Chuck Derby, who was substituting for John de Castro.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 10, 1998 meeting were approved as distributed.

FY99 Budget Status

The final count for spring semester credit hours is 232,000 well above the budgeted amount of 214,000. This creates a budget surplus of $1.8 million. If we include the past month of fringe benefit savings the total budget surplus is $2.2 million. This figure will now go to FACP for recommendations as to what to do with it. It is assumed that the programs that were cut to cover the deficit due to the Fall semester credit hour shortfall will now be restored. It was determined that this budget surplus is sufficient to fully fund the remaining programs (QIF-Research, QIF-Instruction, Instructional Technology, Spectrum system, Cineon Rental Space, CHARA, Network Infrastructure, and Library) whose Contingency Funding was being withheld. The Budget Committee will recommend that FACP restore funding of these programs, and that the QIF programs and Instructional Technology be funded first.

Discussion of the Budget Committee FY00 Allocation Priorities

Information was given about the Redirection and Budget Requests for FY 2000. The University System has requested a 1% redirection. The System has also asked for 4% new funds for the following areas: Faculty for core curriculum ($22M), Enhancing desktop learning ($6M), Teacher preparation ($4M), Eminent scholar matching fund ($5M), Interconnected library ($2M), and Cooperative engineering ($1M). The Governor has also requested $13.6M for the Yamacraw project, which includes $4.3M for 22 faculty positions. Also handed out was a January 29, 1999 draft of the Budget Priorities for FY00 as is being development by Provost Ron Henry. This draft included priority items and recommended budgets for them.

Derby recommended that the Committee make recommendations to FACP regarding FY00 Budget Priorities. He recommended that a 2 step discussion: 1) consideration of the FY99 general Budget Priorities that the Committee approved last year, and then making any additions or change in priority of those on the list; 2) making specific recommendations regarding Dr. Henry's draft of the Budget Priorities for FY00.

1) General Budget Priorities. The Budget Committee's general budget priorities from last year were Research, Student Support, Infrastructure, Library, Academic Program needs including faculty for core curriculum and unmet demand, and Revenue enhancement. There was general agreement that these priorities were long-range priorities which should still apply for next year. It was a concern of a committee member that the priorities set last fiscal were of equal value and should not be presented in rank order. However, it was determined that these priorities were interconnected and we were only presenting what was determined to be the top priorities. It was also determined that most of these priorities remained the same for the coming fiscal year, but that the order in which they were presented would have to be reorganized. This is because our budget requests for FY00 should focus on the priorities of the University System. It was noted that GSU has done well in the past when matching the System's priorities. It was decided that one of our priorities for FY00 should be faculty for teaching core curriculum, for meeting unmet demand, and for and credit hour generation, all priorities of the University System this year. It was recommended that A second priority agreed to was computer science funding and The Yamacraw Project. The Yamacraw Project includes $4.3M for 22 faculty positions across the University System, which is about $200,000 per position.

2) Specific Recommendations for Budget FY00. It was recommended that we set as high priorities funding for the Teacher Education Co-Reform, Faculty for Core Curriculum and for meeting unmet student demand. To address the Yamacraw Project priority, it was decided that we should request total of at least $600,000 GSU to fund at least 3
positions in Computer Sciences. In addition, it was felt that GSU should ask for additional faculty positions under this line item in case another institution can not use their slated positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.