Ad Hoc Committee of Chairs
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Members present: John de Castro, Murray Brown, Martin Fraser, Bill Fritz, Bonnie Fritz, Christine Gallant, Fenwick Hu, Fred Jacobs, John Newman, Don Reitzes, Andrew Sumner, P. C. Tai.

Members absent: Paul Alberto, Sam Cox, Janet Gabler-Hover, Charles Jones, Ramona Matthews, George Rainbolt, Sally Wallace.

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by John de Castro, chair. The first item of business was the approval of April 30th minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.

Dr. de Castro stated that the materials needed for the discussion of the second agenda item were made available to him only recently. He will postpone the discussion of the AYSPS Fifth Year Review Committee Report until the next meeting and will distribute these materials to all members right away. He encouraged all members to review the materials and provide him with feedback. The report will be presented at the October Senate meeting. Bill Fritz asked for some background on this report. Dr. de Castro stated that when the School of Policy Studies was formed, the Senate passed a resolution stating that at the end of five years the school would be evaluated by the Senate regarding its status within the university. The review committee was formed and did its work this past winter and spring. The committee has completed its report and Dr. de Castro recently received a copy of it.

The next item for discussion was the Planning and Development Committee's office space initiative. Dr. Tai gave an overview of the committee's proposal. There was some discussion of potential rental space for faculty offices. Discussion focused on the 34 Peachtree Building and the Equitable Building. Lack of office space is a problem that has been developing over the years but has not been addressed properly. Discussion turned to the number of new faculty that have been added over the last five years. Dr. de Castro distributed the document, "Resolution for an Increase in Office Space and Support Facilities" to the committee and opened the floor for discussion. The committee agreed on several changes to the document and approved the final version. This will be forwarded to Bill Fritz for distribution at the Administrative Council meeting and Dr. de Castro will bring it to the Executive Committee meeting on Friday. Dr. Tai will be talking with Provost Henry about office space and will discuss this resolution with him as well.

Dr. de Castro distributed another draft resolution called "Resolution for an Increase in Tenure-track Faculty Appointments" and asked for feedback from the committee. Dr. de Castro hopes to bring this forward to the Senate in the fall (no later than the December meeting). Dr. Huss stated that the Budget Committee will be doing some analysis in this area fall semester. There was discussion on the funding process and the growth of Georgia State. Dr. de Castro asked committee members to circulate the resolution to their committees for feedback. Don Reitzes suggested that the SACS report may have recommendations in it that would support this resolution.

The next item was an update by Bonnie Fritz from the traffic safety task force. Dr. Fritz stated that there are two initiatives taking place this summer that are to be completed before classes start. From the funds allocated for this project, some of the money is being used to fund a position for a security officer and the rest of the money is being used for downtown signage. There was discussion about the path students might take when walking to classes in the Aderhold Learning Center. Dr. de Castro stated that although the committee agrees that more should be done, this task force has accomplished a great deal in a very short amount of time. There is a good collaborative effort underway and everyone working toward the goal of traffic safety. It may take more time for all the pieces to fall in place.

Dr. de Castro stated that he had gotten a very low response rate to his questionnaire regarding senate reorganization. He will resend the questionnaire to committee members and asked that it be completed and returned to him before the next meeting. He distributed the document, "Thoughts Regarding Guiding Principles for Senate Reorganization" and asked for comments and feedback. This item will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
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committee assistant