Members present: President Carl Patton, Provost Ron Henry, Paul Alberto, Mary Finn, Fred Jacobs, and Hugh Hudson. Absent were John Newman and Carol Winkler.

Dr. Carol Winkler was re-elected Chair of the Executive Committee by acclamation.

Dr. Patton reported that the Board of Regents met yesterday and today, and they approved the floating of bonds for the new Georgia State recreation center with no discussion. We are proceeding with the purchase of land for the classroom block and the funds will be put in escrow this month. Demolition is expected to begin sometime in October with the building opening in 2001. The Citizens Advisory Committee was very pleased with the preliminary design sketches they saw at their last meeting. The Alpharetta project was approved by the Regents. The voting on the bond issue in Alpharetta will be on July 22nd. Construction should take about one year and we should be able to open by January 2000.

The decision to drop the wrestling program from Athletics was discussed. Dr. Patton reported that when it was added a number of years ago it was the assumption that the TAAC schools in Florida would be adding it, but none did. Campbell is the only other TAAC school offering wrestling. With the resignation of our two coaches, and the knowledge that eventually Georgia State will change conferences (to one that also does not have wrestling), this tough decision has to be made. With the addition of women’s track and field we will have eight women’s sports and 6 men’s sports.

The NCAA certification report and the SACS reaccreditation report have both been received for their preliminary factual checks. When they have been returned to us, the NCAA report will include some items requiring immediate action, others requiring action within thirty days and a few others within six months. There will be action required by the SACS report but the time lines will not be as tight.

The year 2000 was discussed briefly. Georgia State will be well off, but of course there will be some problems. Our Legacy systems are being rebuilt to address the Year 2000 problem in case the new PeopleSoft system is not up and running by then.

Submitted by,
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