Provost Henry reported that the automated financial aid package is on track to be mailed out in about three weeks to new students for fall semester. The proposed new PBX system has not been approved yet, and will be delayed until a new state agency begins operation 1 July. The phone problems in Financial Aid and in Admissions will be handled through leasing systems for these two areas sometime in April. The system for Alpharetta will also be leased and will be operational in time for the opening. Georgia Perimeter College will be Georgia State's partner in the Alpharetta center, offering some classes during the day, with our classes in evenings and weekends. The vice presidential searches are continuing. The Student Services committee is beginning checks on the top 8, with plans to invite the top 3 to campus. Research and Sponsored Programs has selected the top 10. Following some additional cuts, they will then do reference checks. Finance and Administration currently has 15 on their list. There are minority candidates in all three searches.

The names of Senators suggested for the Committee on Nominations (faculty members) were approved unanimously, and are the following: Dave Vanko, Fenwick Huss (replaces Ernest Larkins), Missy Cody, Charles Marvin, Julie Hotchkiss, Shirley Tastad and Chris Paton. Presidential appointees to the senate are: John Marshall, Kurt Keppler, Carla Relaford, Reid Christenberry, Tim Crimmins, Yezdi Bhada, Evelyn Babey, Faye Borthick, Mary Beth Walker, Carolyn Denard and Mary Finn.

The Motion to Modify Article VI, Section 4 of the University Statutes, as proposed by the Committee on Statutes and Bylaws, was unanimously given a Do Pass recommendation. Also approved was the Committee on Student Life and Development Motion to Modify Student Code of Conduct. The following motions from the Committee on Admissions and Standards was also approved: 1. Motion to Modify the Academic Renewal Policy; 2. Motion to Eliminate Non-Matriculated Audit Status; 3. Motion to Set Policy regarding Technical School Transfers; and 4. Motion to Eliminate the Regents' Test 81 Hour Rule. The Motion to Approve a Policy on Part-Time Instructors from the Committee on Faculty Affairs was discussed. It is to be sent back to committee with a request that it also go to FACP and the Senate Budget Committee for consideration of its impact before coming to the Executive Committee. Dr. Henry added that it should be a policy statement only, and that a motion concerning budget can be passed separately. The Motion Regarding Evaluation of Instruction from the Committee on Faculty Affairs was approved unanimously. Also from Faculty Affairs was the Support for the Staff Advisory Council Proposal. This was discussed and determined that fiscal analysis is needed to consider the budgetary requirements of this proposal. The Motion to Adopt a Limited Domestic Partners Benefits Policy, also from Faculty Affairs, was discussed. More information is needed, including what other private and public universities are doing. Therefore it will be sent back to committee with a request for this information to be provided.

Dr. Patton reported that the Aderhold Building bids go out soon. It is to be re-bid since originally this was handled during the December holidays and sufficient bids were not received. It may be fall or summer 2002 before the building will be completed and opened for use.

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