Members present: President Patton, Provost Ron Henry, Paul Alberto, John de Castro, Mary Finn, Hugh Hudson, and John Newman.

President Patton reported that consultants from PricewaterhouseCoopers will be coming to campus in two weeks to study the university's organization. They will meet with key individuals and also conduct focus groups, in order to facilitate internal discussion. The findings will be reported to the Administrative Council in October so that searches can begin soon thereafter. Timing is crucial for the searches (for the three vice presidential vacancies). It was suggested and agreed that some department chairs be included in the focus groups. Regarding the jail site property, Dr. Patton reported that a three person committee has been appointed by the Governor to study the possible uses of this land. Georgia State has agreed to pay for demolition of the old buildings and that is currently under way. The block is critical to the university's future plans. The capital campaign is doing well. We are now at approximately $67 million, with a goal of $75 million. Now work is beginning on the smaller, regional campaigns. BellSouth is funding some of the regional events, which will be held in such cities as Nashville, Charlotte, Jacksonville, south Florida, D.C. and Birmingham. In addition to the funds raised, the re-engagement of alumni is a very positive result. Dr. Patton commented that Linda Nelson is working with student groups to educate them about Affirmative Action. He told of the letter recently received from the Georgia Black Chamber of Commerce stating that a GSU faculty member should be fired because of his political views. He also reminded the group of the importance of filing all necessary forms for vacation, sick leave, etc.

Dr. Henry stated that current enrollment is at 237,000 credit hours, with our goal having been 271,000 credit hours. The number of freshmen, transfers and new graduate students is up, as well as retention of freshmen continuing as sophomores. There are significantly fewer seniors and masters degree students this year, and students are not taking as many credit hours as hoped. The number of credit hours has gone from 11.2 (quarters) to 9.9 (semesters), then 10.0 and to 10.2 this semester. The May-mester was popular and it will be continued.

For discussion purposes, Dr. Hudson, in consultation with the Research Committee, composed a job description for the position of Vice President for Research. Dr. Patton stated that it would be important to include economic development and intellectual property in the position description requirements. Moving forward with this search is of great concern to faculty. The Committee was assured that the search will move quickly. Dr. Henry stated that the Strategic Plan draft will be on the web.

The next meetings of the Executive Committee were scheduled for: September 23rd from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.; November 15 at 3:00 p.m.; December 14th for the Retreat from 12:00-4:00 p.m.

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