President Patton commented that Georgia State has a very good group of new students this year. The new science teaching building approved by the Regents calls for us to raise $23M, and this should be done within the next two years. Concerning faculty raises, the system presidents recommended to the Chancellor that the raises be approximately six per cent, but a specific figure was not included in his budget request. Nevertheless, some presidents continue to work for a higher figure. The Governor met with the Georgia Research Alliance recently and the outlook was more positive than before. Georgia State receives about $7M per year from the GRA. Olympic related housing changed Georgia State. We have some students now who would not have come before. Now we are working to have graduate housing built nearby by developers. Under consideration is housing with about 350 units for graduate students and married students. This would not hurt the Village which still has a waiting list. Edgewood Avenue is a possible location for a mid-rise brick facility. This has the support of the Auburn Avenue corridor. The issue of health insurance for graduate students was discussed. This will begin in the next fiscal year since it was not budget for this year. We pay for this for graduate research students, and it will help to attract good students.

Provost Henry reported that admissions have been strong, with about 300 additional new freshmen, giving a total of 2,300 vs. 2,000 last year. The number of transfer students equals that of last year which was up by approximately 400 over the previous year. The number of students classified as freshmen and sophomores is the highest ever. Enrollment of juniors is stable, with the number of seniors down to approximately 5,100. Graduate student enrollment remains about the same as last year. However, we are still 30,000 credit hours behind last fall. With approximately 241,000 credit hours this year a shortfall of around $1M is predicted. The average number of credit hours is gradually increasing, with the number this year 10.33 vs. 9.90 the first semester after changing from the quarter system. The Freshman Learning Community has increased participation. The health insurance deficit for the University System is potential for budget deficit, with our share of this being $6.3M for FY2002. We do not know how the System will handle this. Dr. Henry also discussed electronic learning. E-Core is the University System program. There are six courses now with about 100 students. They are predicting a great increase in enrollment. Health insurance changes this year require everyone to sign up again. Notices have gone and will go in e-mail and campus publications. The new PPO option is supposed to include about 90% of the MD's in the state.

The Motion to Amend Nominations Report of April 19 was approved. From the Committee on Admissions and Standards, the Motion on Transient/ARCHE Requirements was unanimously approved. Also considered and approved was the Motion to Alter the Method of Computing Transfer GPAs. The Motion to Modify the Admission Requirements and the Motion to Revise the Admission Requirements for the Early Attendance Programs were both approved unanimously. The Motion to Modify Admission Requirements for 2001 was also approved. Briefly discussed was the issue of academic integrity in e-courses, including procedures and security issues.

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