Present were President Carl Patton, Provost Ron Henry, Paul Alberto, John de Castro, Fred Jacobs, John Newman, and Lyn Thaxton. The minutes of the meeting of February 5th were approved.

President Patton reported that a group, including four researchers, from Georgia State went to D.C. for a luncheon presentation to the Georgia delegation (all but 3 were present) concerning earmarking $10 million in the federal budget for the science teaching laboratory building. Our request for $3.48 million for the HVAC system for the Art & Humanities Building is on the Minor Capital list in the House budget but not in the Senate. Dr. Patton will meet tomorrow with the new Chancellor and will give him information about Georgia State, and talk about keeping raises on a level with Georgia Tech. Chancellor Meredith also plans to visit our campus on September 4th. Dr. Patton stated that for commencement the records show that now approximately 80% of the graduates participate, and there are more graduates in May than before. Eventually we may need to go to seven ceremonies per year. The reception which has been held after the ceremonies does not reflect well on Georgia State. Therefore we are now discontinuing that event and asking the Colleges to have receptions in their own areas. Robes for graduating students will now be purchased rather than rented. Most universities and colleges have adopted this plan.

The proposed dates for the future Senate meetings were approved. The eleventh Senator selected was Prof. Pauline Clance. Items from the Committee on Admissions and Standards approved were the Regents' Test Policy and the Faculty Handbook Revisions Regarding New Technologies. The Faculty Handbook Revisions Regarding Learning Outcomes will be returned to committee. Also approved was the proposal regarding Special Provisions for International Students, Students with Non-U.S. Academic Credentials and Students who are Non-native Speakers of English. Additional proposals approved were: Minimum GPA Requirements for Upper-Level Computer Science Courses, Minimum GPA Requirements for Upper-Level Film/Video Courses, Minimum Requirements for Upper-Level Journalism Courses, and Academic Renewal Revisions.

From the Committee on Faculty Affairs for Conflict of Interest in Amorous Relationships policy was given a "do pass" recommendation with the revision made to page 2 such that Section 3. Paragraph 1 reads: "It is important to avoid conflict of interest resulting from amorous relationships; it is equally important to recognize that malicious accusations of inappropriate amorous relationships have the potential to severely damage a person's career and reputation." The Policy on Full-Time Non-Tenure Track Personnel was approved, as was the Faculty Sick Leave Policy. Also approved was the proposal to Modify Criteria for Evaluation of Administrator Committee Membership for Library and Counseling Center Faculty. The proposal from the Committee on Academic Programs and continuing Education concerning Mentoring Graduate Students was approved.

Provost Henry discussed the policy regarding childbirth. The Regents' Leave of Absence Policy may suspend the five-year probationary period. Our policy does not address the requirements of a Leave of Absence.

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