Present were President Carl Patton, Paul Alberto, John de Castro, Fred Jacobs, and Charles Jones.

President Patton reported that Georgia State has one of the highest bar examination pass rates in the country, surpassing Stanford, the University of Virginia and Emory, among others. At the May commencement ceremony this year the university will be awarding an honorary degree to Ben Johnson, Jr. who was the founding dean of the College of Law. This will be a good way to kick off the year of celebration for the 20th anniversary of this College.

Committee business began with the election of a chair. John de Castro was nominated by Fred Jacobs, seconded by Charles Jones and unanimously elected to a second term as chair of the Executive Committee.

The next item for discussion was traffic safety on campus. One area of concern is pedestrian safety in the vicinity of the new Aderhold Learning Center which will greatly increase the number of students crossing Peachtree St. Other topics included speed limits, other high-traffic areas, and profit sharing for tickets written by Georgia State police. The university needs to work with Central Atlanta Progress and the Downtown Improvement District since they have some funding available for Peachtree St. and could use that for leverage with the City. The possibility of four-way crossings was discussed. Dr. Patton said that some grant money going through CAP might be earmarked for this. It was pointed out that statistics show that the intersection of Piedmont and Decatur Streets currently is the most dangerous one in the campus area. It was suggested that careful class scheduling might cut down on the number of students having to cross Peachtree at various times. The classes in Aderhold will focus on Business and Music students, and both areas are headquartered in the nearby blocks and on the same side of Peachtree St. President Patton stated that to make some changes the City will require a traffic study and this should be done with involvement from CAP and the DID. He will talk with Paul Kelman (CAP) about funding studies, and will talk with Ron Henry about class scheduling. Another question was whether this area could be declared a “school zone” which would lower speed limits and slow traffic. Also, stronger traffic enforcement would be beneficial. It was noted that the City is hiring a new Chief of Police and a new Planning Director, and both of these changes may prove helpful. John de Castro stated that he will talk to the P&D Subcommittee, and perhaps add a member of the University Police to that group. Dr. Patton commented that we need to find out what we want and then decide how to accomplish the goals.

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