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

The minutes of the meeting of April 23, 2002 were approved. President Patton reported that the new University Lofts are open, the new Aderhold Building is open, and there are more students this year than ever before. He will be making visits to meet with some state legislators during the next few weeks to keep them informed about the university. The next building to be planned for is Humanities. We received a “soft rejection” from the Regents, as expected. Currently fund raising is under way for the science teaching lab building. This will be named for Bill Dahlberg, with Georgia Power making a special gift, and additional gifts from other sources.

Provost Henry stated that enrollment is up significantly in the summer semester. Previously, summer enrollments had decreased following the change to semester. Fall semester figures look good, with over 25,000 credit hours over what was anticipated. There are between 2,500 – 2,600 new freshmen. Fall enrollment opened this week on Monday and by Wednesday over 2,300 had registered. The minimum requirements this year are 2400 on the Freshman Index. Next year the minimum may change to 2500, and this would also lower the number of new freshmen. The Enrollment Task Force will discuss this topic in the fall, since there are other ways to cut the numbers back. Asked why the summer enrollment is up so, Dr. Henry said that the plan was to jump-start some freshmen, so there are about 150 freshmen here this summer. Also the number of transient students is up. In addition, Georgia has the third largest number of high school graduates in the U.S. from now through 2007. We had two Freshmen Learning Communities this summer. The new Registrar is Cherise Peters. Dean Ahmed Abdelal leaves Georgia State on July 1st and Lauren Adamson will be Interim Dean. An external search for the new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences will be conducted with the hope that the position will be filled no later than January 1st.

Dr. Patton stated that the Foundation is looking at the Beaudry Ford property. One possible use would be for housing, some parking and possibly a convocation center. There is a waiting list of approximately 1,000 for the Village. Currently the private sector is offering deep discounts for apartment rentals. The university has no money tied up in the University Lofts, but for the project to be deemed successful, it needs to be fully occupied.

For the first item of Senate business, Dr. de Castro discussed the fifth year review of the Andy Young School of Policy Studies. The overall conclusions were very positive. On the issue of cost effectiveness, it was found to be similar to the other colleges. The decision had been made that it should be maintained as a separate entity. The School has made significant contributions to the University, and continually has high rankings. There is a need for improvement in diversity. Kathye Johnston did an excellent job leading the committee. Charles Jones will do a verbal report to the Senate.

Discussion turned to the Report on Office Shortages – 2002-2003 from the P&D Committee, and the accompanying Resolution. Dr. Patton commented that enrollment growth was equivalent to adding two Agnes Scott Colleges to GSU. Provost Henry told of a plan to lease two floors of the building at 34 Peachtree and one floor in the Lofts for additional office space. The floor in 34 Peachtree abut the RCB. Also some space will be freed in Urban Life. Approval from the Regents is required to rent office space.

The next topic for discussion was the issue of traffic safety, and the Aderhold Building Pedestrian Safety Plan. The task force being set up has already made progress. There is a safety plan for student traffic to and from the Aderhold Building, with police officers to be at crossings and signage to alert drivers. A brochure has been provided student attending Incept.

The topic of tenure and non-tenure track planning was discussed. It was stated that between 1997 and 2002 the number of tenure track changed form 713 to 709, while full-time non-tenure track changed form 122 to 270. Dr. Henry stated that this is a topic being studied by a Regents' office committee. The establishment of the rank of Senior Lecturer has been approved. This rank is for someone who is an exemplary teacher and has served for at least six years.

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