Members present were President Carl Patton, Provost Ron Henry, Paul Alberto, John de Castro, Fred Jacobs, Charles Jones, John Newman and Sally Wallace. The minutes of the meeting of July 12, 2002 were approved. President Patton introduced Chris Taylor, ACE Fellow from Ohio University who will be at Georgia State for this academic year. He reported that Bob McGinnis is leaving to go to Auburn University where he will be Executive Vice President for Development. Nancy Peterman will serve as Acting Vice President for Development and John Marshall will be Acting President of the GSU Foundation. Angie Allen is the new Chair of the Foundation. The Foundation is moving toward the purchase of the Beaudry Ford Property, with environmental work being done now. The RFP is out to developers to partner with us and there is interest in this plan. The parcel includes one four acre site and one two acre site located across the street from each other. Initially there could be housing for about 2,000 students here, and in the future possibly a convocation center.

Ron Henry reported that enrollment is 27,300 plus today, with over 297,000 credit hours. Enrollment is up in all sectors. There are significantly more freshmen (400 plus), with the average SAT score up 10 points. The number of new graduate students is also up. The Regents today approved the 2% hold-back, for a total of 3% for us this year. With approximately $80 million in new workload money, our share will be approximately $10 million. Concerning office space, the agreement on 34 Peachtree is almost complete. Move-in costs are not known yet. There will be about 80 new offices here. The new Lofts will have some small office units moving in, such as the program on West Africa, a special project in Nursing, etc., for a total of 20-23 people locating there.

The first item of Senate business was approval of the report of the Committee on Nominations, with the Addendum to the April 11, 2002 Nominations Report. Also approved was the Committee on Admissions and Standards Motion to Revise the CLEP Foreign Language Cut Scores. The next item for consideration was the report from the Committee on Research with the Motion to Approve the Intellectual Property Policy. In Section X. Appeals, line two, “Vice President may” was changed to “Vice President will”. This change will be sent forward as a friendly amendment. Following discussion, the Motion was approved with the recommendation that the Research Committee supply information received from other universities, bringing it to the Senate Meeting. Also the Research Committee should review the policy in two years. Next, from the Committee on Statutes and Bylaws, the Motion to Approve Title Changes in Senate Bylaws was approved. The Informational Item from this Committee was considered and the decision was to take no action.

Course evaluations were discussed. There is concern by faculty that one of the few measures they have was changed without much faculty review. The Committee of Chairs met yesterday and agreed to go with the on-line evaluation, but, at the request of any faculty member a paper and pencil evaluation could be used instead. Dr. Henry commented that there has been concern about the response rate, and faculty can accept or reject the electronic version. The evaluations are used in crucial ways and therefore are very important. Topics suggested for discussion at the Executive Committee Retreat included the following: (1) Improvement of the quality of graduate students--size and composition of the graduate body; (2) Grade inflation; (3) Composition of faculty. Dr. Patton commented on the “perpetual calendar” and Commencement. The dates should be approved and reviewed each year. This will be referred to Admissions and Standards with a request for a proposal to be brought back.

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