Members present were President Carl Patton, Provost Ron Henry, Paul Alberto, John de Castro, Fred Jacobs, Charles Jones, and John Newman. The minutes of the meeting of November 26, 2002 were approved.

President Patton reported on his recent trip to Washington, D. C. seeking support from the Georgia delegation for the new science building. Georgia State’s bi-partisan approach has helped. On the state level we have been working with the state Appropriations Committee, and hosted their last meeting here on campus. Provost Henry stated the Reid Christenberry, Associate Provost – IS&T, will leave on March 31st to assume the position of Vice President for Information Systems at Miami of Ohio. Serving in the interim here will be M. J. Casto, who will begin March 1st so there will be overlap. A search will be held, with approximately twelve members on the committee. It may not be necessary to use a search firm. The budget hearing with the Regents, which was postponed earlier by the Chancellor, has been rescheduled for the morning of March 5th.

The first item of Senate business was consideration of two proposals from Admissions and Standards. Their Motion to Update International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement Credit was approved. Also approved was the Motion to Require Selected Morris Brown Transfer to take GSU 1010. The unanimously approved proposal by the Cultural Diversity Committee to include questions related to diversity in administrator evaluations was approved. (This does not require action on the Senate floor.)

The next topic was discussion of the Interim Report to Executive Committee Regarding On-line Student Evaluation of Faculty. The consensus was that more information is needed. A task force should be established to gather data, determine ways to get better response rates, and address concerns expressed by faculty and students. The task force should include members who are sampling and statistics experts. The Executive Committee through e-mail communications can establish it. Additional discussion about NTT Task force followed. This group will include members from the following Senate committees: Budget, APACE, Research and Faculty Affairs. They will study and make recommendations concerning the rights and responsibilities of non-tenure track faculty at Georgia State.

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