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 March 24th were approved previously, on line.

President Patton reported on the current legislative session at the Capitol and their work on the state budget. He has been working with the presidents and Chancellor on tuition increases, as well as with Hazel Scott and students on the proposed library fee for the improvement and expansion of the library. Information was gathered from other states to see their tuition increases, and those were higher than proposed in Georgia. The possibility of a surtax just to maintain our current status is also being discussed. Tuition rates have been kept at an artificially low rate due to HOPE, without regard to quality or quantity. Dr. Patton stated that it is time to stop talking about a surcharge and instead talk about a substantial increase. The price of higher education must not be based on what HOPE can bear.

The first item of Senate business was consideration of proposals from Admissions and Standards. These items approved were: 1. Proposed Changes to the Scholastic Discipline Rules; 2. the Motion to Revise Reentry Policies; 3. the Motion on Withdrawals and Drops from Off-Campus Courses and Canceled Courses; and 4. the Motion to Change Removal of Incomplete Policy. From the Faculty Affairs Committee, the Disruptive Student Conduct in the Classroom or Other Learning Environment (401.08 in the Faculty Handbook) was approved, with a friendly amendment. This amendment was a correction in the Procedure Chart, Calendar Day 53, item 2, which should read, "Notify student of right to appeal to the Board of Regents" (not "President"). Also approved from the Faculty Affairs Committee was the Student On-Line Course Evaluation Proposal; the Smoking Prohibition proposal from the SGA; the Policy on Promotion of Lecturers to Senior Lecturers; and the Editorial Correction to the Sick Leave Policy. The Report from the Childcare Subcommittee on Expansion of the Lanette L. Suttles Child Development Center was returned to committee.

The final item of business was the review of the 2003 administrator evaluations and an update on 2002 evaluations.

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