Sally Wallace was unanimously elected Chair of the Executive Committee for 2003-2004. The minutes of the April 15th meeting were approved as corrected. President Patton reported that he will be visiting new Regents and legislators over the coming weeks. He provided input to the Chancellor for the Hope Commission. If the Freshman Index were established for students it would make Hope more predictable and students would have a better success rate. It was suggested that a total amount of money be given to students and let them use it for books and fees rather than breaking that out separately. There should be different amounts for research universities, colleges and two-year institutions. Now it does look like books and fees will be removed. They do not want a means test. Next week the President plans to go to Valdosta to the Regents meeting and give an update on our housing plan. The Village is full, the Lofts are over-full. We are asking to be allowed to develop master lease for housing, including the new Beaudry property when built. If all goes as planned, ground will be broken next July. There are six acres of land at the Beaudry site. The current plan is to build 2000 housing units at this location. There is no office space in the Lofts. Those were moved to 10 Park Place.

The Provost reported that there is to be a 2.5% decrease in the budget this year, and a 5% decrease is expected for next year. This year it was anticipated so the budget will be ok. Enrollment is 28,000+; 310,000+ credit hours (vs. 299,000 last year). The budget was based on 304,000 credit hours. Summer enrollment was down. There are approximately 2,000 new freshmen by admission, with approximately 2,100 freshmen by enrollment (including transfers). There were 2,700 last year. Transfers of sophomores were 40-50 vs. 300 before. There are 1,500 more seniors this fall. Retention is good, but there are also more seniors due to part-time status. In addition, there are more students back due to the job market. We are approximately 190 short on international graduate students, due to the visa problems. There are over 20,000 in the undergraduate student body. The average SAT this year is 1073. The Freshman Index minimum was implemented at 2500 for the first time. Diversity remains constant. The GPA required for transfers is 2.3, but will change to 2.5 in spring semester. Over 60% of freshmen listed Georgia State as their first choice college.

Issues related to higher enrollment were discussed, including pressure to get graduating seniors through in a timely manner. Anyone with 91+ credits is a senior. There are problems in some departments with screaming students, crying parents, etc. Guidelines for disorderly student behavior are needed. It was suggested that parents and students be encouraged to call legislators saying that cutting higher education budgets are making it impossible to respond to these problems. Last year the disorderly conduct guidelines that were passed were for classroom behavior. Students need to be told that we are going through difficult times, that they need to understand that and be civil to staff members. A draft for behavior problems will be discussed with John Marshall and Bill Fritz.

Concerning the non-tenure track committee, there should be broad representation in the membership. This issue includes consideration of education, budgets, long term goals, governance and data. What data do we have and what do we need? Ellen Posey does have some of the data. Less than 30% are taught by TTF. The status of the 2003 evaluations of administrators was reviewed.

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