Present: President Carl Patton, Provost Ron Henry, Paul Alberto, Dabney Dixon, Dean Dabney, Don Reitzes, Sandra Garber, Siva Nathan

The minutes from the meeting on September 24, 2007 were approved.

President’s Report

The President reported that he is retiring and that the Regents are establishing the search Committee.

The Regents approved the lease for the Science Park at the November meeting. Construction should begin in late November/early December.

President Patton is a part of Urban Serving Universities, an organization whose goal is to try to get federal legislation to make funds available on a yearly basis for Urban Research Universities. This week Congress is marking up an appropriations bill that would set aside $50 million for public research universities. The three areas are Urban Health, Education/Workforce Development, and Community Development.

Provost’s Report

The Provost reported that Mike Raderstorf is the new Emergency Management Director.

Motion from the Committee on University Statues and Senate Bylaws to amend membership of the Committee on Admissions and Standards in order to provide the appropriate number of elected senators.

The motion was accepted with one minor revision. The VP for Student Services is now called the VP for Student Affairs.

Motion from the Committee on Faculty Affairs: Background Investigation Policy & Procedures.

A detailed discussion followed on the process for criminal background checks. The following friendly amendments were passed and Dr. Alberto will confer with the Chair of FAC: (1) In paragraph 1 of page 1, the parenthetical statement is proposed to be amended as follows: (Positions determined by the hiring unit in conjunction with the Office of Legal Affairs to be of trust are those that routinely as a part of the job involve interaction with children, after-hours access to facilities, access to financial resources or that have been otherwise identified by the hiring unit in conjunction with the Office of Legal Affairs to require a more extensive background investigation.)

(2) Add to the list of definitions on page 2: Regular Employee - As defined in section 102.1 of the Employee Handbook, "Personnel employed for a continuous period expected to exceed one semester or six calendar months are "regular" employees."

Motions from the Committee on Admissions and Standards
(1) **Academic recognition**: The motion brings our academic recognitions in line with those at UGA and Georgia Tech. neither of them has cumulative recognitions. It also changes the term Faculty Scholar to President's List. The motion was passed with a minor revision. The committee agreed to insert “outstanding” to clarify the number of incompletes allowed to be eligible for the Faculty Scholarship Award.

(2) **Revision to Credits Awarded for the IB Exams**: Motion gives Departments the authority to determine how much course credit will be awarded for International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement and College-Level Examination Program examinations. Motion passed.

(3) **Computer Science Upper-Division**: Repeals the GPA requirements for 3000 and 4000 level computer Science courses. Motion passed.

**Accepted the report on the Task Force on the Department of Human Resources:**

Vice President Rackliffe and Linda Nelson are working on a to-do list and have enacted a number of the recommendations that were made. They include putting things on line, staff courtesy, etc. It was suggested that an ad-hoc committee be created through the Senate Research Committee to consider and implement recommendations concerning HR staff dedicated to the needs of external funders and university researchers. Membership should include Linda Nelson, Beth Jones, someone from the Office of the Vice President for Research, and faculty members who are experienced with externally funded grants.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.