Members Attending: Ahmed Abdelal, John de Castro, Ron Henry (Chair), Fred Jacobs, Jim Scott, Carol Whitcomb.

Members Absent: Bill Decatur, Chuck Derby, Sid Harris, Timeka Lamback

Others Attending: Lisa Beck, Tim Crimmins, Thomas Haynes, Jerry Rackliffe, Edgar Torbert

The minutes of January 29 were approved as circulated.

Dr. Henry welcomed new members, Drs. Abdelal and Scott.

Mr. Rackliffe distributed an updated "Analysis of New Funding Sources, Fiscal Year 2000". He pointed out changes as follows: Alpharetta campus rental ($729K), MLK warehouse escalator ($4K), and faculty promotion raises ($43K).

Dr. Abdelal asked for discussion of the separation of the law library budget from the law school budget in setting redirection targets. He observed that law library faculty are involved in law instruction in an integrated way. Dr. Henry stated that the law library had been considered separately in the past with regard to budget requests and was treated in the same manner as Pullen Library with regard to redirection targets. Dr. de Castro commented that the University Strategic Plan called for increasing funding to both libraries, which was counter to redirection. Dr. Henry noted that the Quality Improvement Fund was another example of an instruction-related budget outside the colleges, but not exempted from the redirection percentage target for the Provost. Dr. Crimmins suggested that the effect on the law library was greater because of its relative small size. Dr. Henry spoke for treating both libraries the same and not setting a precedent by favoring one. Dr. de Castro suggested the dean could exercise flexibility in determining redirection among the law units. No motion was offered.

Mr. Rackliffe called attention to the issue of how to set Maymester mandatory fees. Dr. Abdelal suggested that the fees be the same for Maymester and summer with only one payment for either. He predicted few students would enroll in the Maymester. Dr. de Castro remarked that for the student taking only one course in the Maymester, the mandatory fees would be a high percentage of total cost. Dr. Crimmins cited the study abroad students as an example of Maymester students taking one course and not benefiting from the programs and services associated with the fees. Dr. Torbert responded that the 30-mile rule would apply to study abroad students so that would not have to pay the fees. Dr. Jacobs asked if the goal was to kill or promote the Maymester. Dr. Abdelal replied that the College of Arts and Sciences had not pushed Maymester in part because of the enrollment rebound, which had reduced the need to address tuition shortfall in FY99. Dr. Henry pointed out that Maymester faculty would be paid prior to July 1, 1999, but charged against FY2000, and tuition revenue for Maymester would apply to FY2000 as part of the summer term. Dr. Jacobs asked about other USGa institutions having Maymesters. Dr. Henry responded that 7 or 8 other institutions were doing so. There was a motion by committee to have the same mandatory fees for Maymester and summer with only one payment for either. The motion passed.

Dr. Henry reported on the budget presentation to the Chancellor's staff on February 3. He stated the meeting was very successful, and that the significant enrollment rebound was the first of its kind reported to the Chancellor's staff. He noted their interest in the budget items presented, and their positive response to the linkages to the University Strategic Plan and the Governor's priorities. Dr. de Castro echoed these points adding that the Chancellor's staff commended GSU on past performance. He cautioned that the mandatory fee proposals were not favorably received, primarily for political reasons. Dr. Henry added that the major
stumbling block for mandatory fee increases was the impact on HOPE scholarship funds, given new lottery competition in bordering states. Dr. de Castro noted GALILEO had been omitted from the Governor's budget, apparently by mistake. Dr. Henry stated that the $22M USGa request for core faculty had been rejected by the Governor, and that the emphasis now was to protect formula dollars for next year against the semester conversion-related enrollment drop. Dr. de Castro commented that the Chancellor's staff had been very impressed with the way Georgia State handled the enrollment drop budgetarily.

Dr. Abdelal suggested the budget hearings could be delayed somewhat given the April 21, 1999, date for receiving allocation information from the Board of Regents. Dr. Abdelal urged consideration of increases in base PTI rates. Dr. Henry indicated Dr. Patton was lobbying the Board of Regents for more flexibility in salary administration in order to address such issues as PTI rates, IT compensation plan, etc. Dr. Abdelal suggested the VP/dean discretionary pools should be earmarked for such purposes. Dr. de Castro commented that the psychology department was seeking to reduce reliance on PTIs and hire more instructors. Dr. Abdelal added that the College of Arts and Sciences was tackling this problem by hiring temporary full-time lecturers, and spoke of the learning environment issues.

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