Minutes of April 21, 1999 were approved with one correction.

Mr. Rackliffe distributed "Georgia State University, State Appropriation Calculation, Fiscal Year 2000" as background information for how the amount of new funds available for allocation could be determined. Dr. Henry pointed out that the Board of Regents had increased redirection without notice by removing $425K in instructional technology funds from the continuing budget of the university. Dr. Decatur commented that instructional technology funds had been offered by the University System as part of its layered plan to redirect funds to the state.

Dr. Crimmins questioned why Special Funding Initiative (SFI) funds would be used to fund faculty positions as in the Teacher Preparation initiative. Dr. Henry responded that while these funds are allocated annually rather than placed in the continuing budget, it would be safe to proceed with their use for faculty positions.

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Dr. Henry suggested discussion focus on the extent of the graduate credit hours recovery to determine the corresponding impact on graduate premium revenues. Dr. Harris indicated uncertainty about College of Business enrollments, but noted the Maymester was looking so good that a proposal for a December-mester might be forthcoming. Dr. Abdelal reiterated optimism about College of Arts and Sciences enrollments. He suggested using recovery to 5% short of the Fiscal Year 1997 level versus the 10% shortfall this spring semester. On this basis, it was agreed to increase the new funds available figure to $3.7M.

Dr. Henry advised that Yamacraw SFI funds would not be allocated to University System institutions until mid-May. He added that proposals from the qualifying institutions were in the hands of external reviewers.

Dr. Henry suggested discussion of new funding recommendations start with the budget considerations which had been outlined at the meeting on April 21, 1999. Dr. Abdelal requested review of the amount proposed for the partial year operation of the Alpharetta Center. Mr. Rackliffe distributed "Georgia State University Perspective, Pro Forma-North Metro Center, Alpharetta Site". Dr. de Castro suggested contracted building services could be halved from the four-month amount of $78K, if classroom operations did not start until May 2000. Dr. Decatur responded that building services must commence prior to the opening day of classes, and suggested an amount in the range of $481K. Dr. Abdelal spoke optimistically of a full rebound in graduate enrollments. Dr. Henry cautioned that while headcounts would rebound, credit hours per student would likely remain a problem. Dr. de Castro noted the secondary issue of tuition waivers.

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It was agreed to increase two items on the budget considerations list: (a) Alpharetta Center from $420K to $450K; and
PTI funding from $400K to $470K. It was agreed to remove the following items: (a) undergraduate catalogs; (b) Rialto-School of Music function expenses; (c) Panther Card security access-identification; (d) dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences budget line; (e) Student Advisement Services Offices; (f) College of Law eminent scholar budget line; (g) ISAT contractual obligations; and (h) CHARA operational costs. These changes resulted in the budget considerations list being reduced from $2.3M to $1.5M, and in turn the new funds available amount being reduced from $3.7M to $2.2M.

Mr. Rackliffe distributed "Georgia State University, Center for High Angular Resolution Astronomy (CHARA), Calculation of Continuing OMP Costs, 1999-2000", which showed the FY2000 costs to be $70K.

Dr. Abdelal suggested Dr. Henry make his recommendations for allocating $2.2M toward the new funding requests from the colleges and vice presidential areas as the starting point for further FACP discussion.

Dr. Henry recommended the following uses of new funds (rounded): (a) $120K for English Action Plan; (b) $80K for Mathematics and Computer Science Action Plan; (c) $130K for strengthening interdisciplinary sciences; (d) $100K for regional core science facilities; (e) $50K for Sociology Action Plan; (f) $70K for CHARA operations; (g) $340K for e-commerce faculty positions; (h) $60K for Criminal Justice faculty position; (i) $90K for College of Law eminent scholar; (j) $90K for land use policy center faculty position; (k) $90K for Pullen Library computer science liaison and web expert positions; (l) $100K for library acquisitions; (m) $240K for ISAT contractual obligations; (n) $30K for Development area; (o) $40K for External Affairs area; (p) $100K for Student Services area; (q) $100K for Finance and Administration area; and (r) $290K for Student Advisement Services Office (SASO). These requests totaled $2.12M. In addition, Dr. Henry recommended the following uses for Teacher Preparation SFI funds: (a) $283.5K from new faculty position funds for College of Arts and Sciences faculty positions; (b) $94.5K from new faculty position funds for College of Education faculty positions; and (c) $100K from partner school funds for College of Education faculty positions.

Dr. de Castro suggested using the library acquisitions allocation as a holding account for unmet demand. Mr. Rackliffe pointed out that the $160K payback projects adjustment, when/if approved by the Board of Regents, and the tuition plateau differential, if realized, would both be held in the Provost area and would provide budgetary flexibility for addressing unmet demand.

Dr. Jacobs commented that the funding recommendations were throughput oriented (i.e., credit hour production driven) rather than quality oriented initiatives. Dr. Abdelal responded that the action plans enhanced quality.

Dr. Torbert suggested support for new faculty positions as a use of the $80K balance of the $2.2M available. Dr. Henry noted 12 new positions, which would require $36K from the balance.

Dr. de Castro urged reconsideration of the new funding requests from the Research and Sponsored Programs area. It was agreed to recommend the remaining $44K from the balance of the $2.2M for this purpose.

Mr. Rackliffe asked about the division of library acquisitions between Pullen Library and the College of Law library. It was agreed to recommend $80K for Pullen and $20K for the College of Law.

Dr. Harris expressed concern about the staffing pattern for SASO.

Dr. Abdelal made a motion to recommend to the President Fiscal Year 2000 new funding as outlined above. Dr. Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dr. Henry reminded FACP would meet with Dr. Patton on April 29 to receive and discuss his funding decisions.

Prepared by Edgar Torbert

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