PRESENT: Lauren Adamson, Tom Clark, Marsha Clarkson, Barbara Green, Bernadette Hartfield, Juane Heflin, Julie Hotchkiss, Cennette Jackson, Ernest Larkins, Edith Manns, Gabor Patonay, Brenda Smith, Roger Weed, Armenia Williams, and Bea Yorker.


ALSO ATTENDING: Jim Bohanan

Approval of Previous Minutes

Chair Gabor Patonay opened the meeting by asking for any corrections to the minutes of October 1. On a motion by Brenda Smith, seconded by Edith Manns, the minutes were approved as presented.

Parking

Gabor Patonay suggested a discussion of the parking presentation given by Jane Chatham at the previous meeting. He said that the committee needed to have a closer working relationship with the Office of Auxiliary Services to insure that the opinions of faculty will become part of the dialog for the changes that are occurring with parking. He reminded the committee that Dr. Chatham had encouraged a stronger interaction with her office and had requested support for the parking program during budget presentations.

Several issues relating to parking were discussed. The assignment of all new faculty and staff to the State Pete Hackney Parking Deck at Decatur and Butler Streets has created problems for faculty who teach in the evenings or who have offices on the west ern side of the campus. Some type of parking assignments related to geographic campus zones was suggested as a possible alternative to the current system. The issue of assigning parking spaces based upon waiting lists vs. seniority at Georgia State was also discussed but no formal action taken. Another item was the problem of parking for special research needs where participants in research studies who are not faculty or staff must have periodic parking. It was agreed that the Parking Subcommittee should be expanded. Tom Clark and Bernadette Hartfield agreed to serve on the subcommittee.

Workload Policy

Marsha Clarkson, subcommittee chair, advised that the subcommittee met on October 9 to start work on a revision of the current university workload policy document. The initial effort will be to collect college workload policy documents, if available, from all of the colleges and synthesize the information into a more comprehensive draft that will better define a variety of workload situations.

There were concerns that not all of the colleges were represented on the subcommittee. Bernadette Hartfield said that she would identify a representative from the College of Law. Roger Weed indicated that Joel Meyers would serve from the College of Education. Tom Clark said that he would contact Richard Deane to get a representative from the College of Business. The next meeting of the subcommittee is scheduled for Thursday, October 23 at 1:00 p.m. in 780 Urban Life Building.

Conflict of Interest Policy

Bea Yorker gave a background about previous work on the conflict of interest policy and the SACS requirement to have it updated for the SACS review in the spring. Gabor Patonay asked for a volunteer to chair the subcommittee and Juane Heflin agreed to serve as chair. John Marshall was suggested as a member and Bea Yorker agreed to try to get two additional non-senators to serve. Gabor Patonay was to contact Sid Crow to see if he was involved with the previous committee.

Faculty Awards Subcommittee

Bea Yorker reminded the committee that the awards Subcommittee needs to meet prior to the next committee meeting in order to review changes for the faculty awards brochure. She advised that there are several additional awards that are being sponsored by the Board of Regents that need to have nomination guidelines established. She agreed to call the meeting of the subcommittee.

Other Subcommittee Reports
Barbara Green advised that the Benefits Subcommittee has not meet. One pending issue is the reduction in the number of choices in the 403b tax deferred savings program. Some faculty are concerned about eliminating some of the investment options that they have participated in over the years.

Bernadette Hartfield updated the committee regarding the University Child Care Center. She asked the committee if they thought that a questionnaire to faculty would be an appropriate way to measure any unmet needs that faculty may have for child care. After discussion, it was agreed that a survey would be appropriate.

The Classroom Space Management Committee had not met but there was a discussion about several items regarding classrooms. A suggestion was made that more equity should be involved in assigning classrooms. Some of the committee thought that the same departments were assigned the better classrooms year after year. Bea Yorker advised that there were other committees working on the classroom issues dealing with technology in the classrooms, scheduling and future planning. She thought that Larry Rifkind, Associate Dean, College of Arts & Sciences was the chair.

Gabor Patonay advised that the other subcommittees would report at the next meeting. The committee adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

James Bohanan, Recorder