Present: Evelyn Babey, Faye Borthick, Laura Burtle, Reid Christenberry, Missy Cody, Randy De Kler, Dan Hickey, William Nelson, Scott Owen, Carla Relaford, Bill Waugh, Patrick Wiseman

Absent: Richard Baskerville, Tim Crimmins, Gayla Domke, Bill Evans, Randy Jones, Larry Kelley, Roger Morin, John Neel, Palak Patel, Shirley Tastad, Richard Welke

Also Present: Bill Paraska

Minutes: Minutes were approved as distributed.

ITSS Report: Randy De Kler reported the subcommittee met December 8. They are requesting a clarification of their charge. Carla asked if a UETS representative should also serve on this subcommittee.

After discussion on several IT subjects, The committee agreed that 120 days of E-mail accumulation is reasonable.

Report on GSU Strategic Planning: Missy distributed and reviewed a paper entitled IS&T Infrastructure (from the 2000 Action Plan Narrative for the Strategic Plan). Action: Comments regarding the new strategic plan (which should be on the University Senate web site by January 4) should be sent directly to the Provost. As it relates to the IS&T Infrastructure, committee members should point out they are members of the Senate Information Systems and Technology Committee when providing comments. After the January 4 meeting, the plan will be reviewed by the Strategic Planning Subcommittee (with formal statement by February 1) and will be proposed to the Senate on March 23.

External Links to Commercial Sites:

A copy of the current Computer Ethics Policy was distributed. The Provost is requesting a statement from the committee regarding a policy to prevent visitors to the Georgia State University web site being able to purposely link to pornographic sites. Discussion included the affect this would have on academia and what other research universities are doing. Action: Randy De Kler, Laura Burtle, and Patrick Wiseman will serve on a subcommittee to review such issues as external links to commercial sites from GSU web pages; advertising and banners on GSU web pages as revenue streams; and selling Georgia State University paraphernalia.

Discussion of PeachNet Issues: A drafted statement paper outlining the need, the dependence, and the possible results of inadequate Internet connection for Georgia State University was distributed. Paraska is requesting support from both academic and administrative service units of Georgia State, and is recommending the institution take precautionary steps to prevent an occurrence of deteriorated service such as happened in fall semester of 1999. The statement paper recommended that funding be provided to assure Georgia State University maintains suitably high quality responsiveness through its Internet connection. This may include collaborative strategies with other universities and/or PeachNet. Action: Reid will electronically share this narrative with the committee for responses.

Internal IS&T Budget Redirection and Y2K:

It was suggested that IS&T's budget should distinguish the institution's initiatives from IS&T's initiatives. In working with Alpharetta campus, IS&T is one of the components, but not the whole, since IS&T is merged with the Library, Physical Plant and others in developing this budget. The GSU Net 2 operational costs are increasing and the revenue stream is decreasing. Maintenance on ATM switches is $250,000 a year. IS&T will be taking on workstation support for Arts and Sciences. Costs of classroom support and technology increase. The Internet 2 Grant has run out and it will take $85-95,000 per year for this connectivity, which is needed to attract and keep researchers. IS&T is currently shifting dollars around to address these issues.

The Y2K schedule of computer and network availability (December 24, 1999-January 4, 2000) was distributed. Deployment of Y2K PCs was discussed. This was significant as Arts and Sciences had 500, Education and Business had 100, and Library had 75. Additionally, these will need replacement every three years.

"The Student Technology Fee Proposal" was distributed. This has been approved by FACP and will be sent to the Board of Regents for its approval. A group made up of the Senate ISAT committee and student representatives will
decide how fees will be distributed.

Report on APACE--Web-based learning subcommittees (GSO & Missy):
No report.
Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.