Members present: Lauren Adamson, Missy Cody, Tim Crimmins, Joe Fisher, Philo Hutcheson, Ellwood Oakley, Roger Presley (for Charlene Hurt), Mary Ann Romski, Vida Scarpello, Brenda Smith, Vijay Vaishnavi, Armenia Williams, Judith Wold


The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by committee chair Dr. Tim Crimmins. Dr. Crimmins announced the agenda for the meeting, which included the following: 1) new classroom building update; 2) suburban campus update; 3) renovation and repair; 4) election of new committee chair.

New Classroom Building
Vice President for Planning and Facilities Mr. Joe Fisher reported on the progress of plans for the new classroom building. An architect has been signed for the project, and the task of designing the facility is underway. Dr. Crimmins noted that in the last committee meeting Dr. William Decatur indicated that ensuring the quality of retail space and the building exterior would be given high priority. He asked if further discussion had taken place about how plans for the interior academic space would be effected by this decision. Mr. Fisher informed the group that the most significant change to the initial plans for academic spaces would be a 50 percent decrease in connectivity for classroom students. According to the current plan, fifty percent of workstations and a large "cyber café" on the ground floor would have network access.

Several committee members expressed concern with limiting students' access to network resources. Mr. Fisher assured the group that additional network connections could be added later without great difficulty if there was significant need. He also reported that the planned number of classrooms had been scaled back from 50 to 49 to increase the average square footage per student. During discussion of these decisions, Dr. Crimmins suggested that the Programming Committee be asked to consider these and further proposed changes to academic spaces in the new building.

Suburban Campus Mr. Fisher brought the committee up to date on the approval process for the proposed suburban campus in Alpharetta. He reviewed the Board of Regents' decision to approve the concept but not the specifics of the proposal. Those from Georgia State involved in the process have gathered that the Board would like the University to expand the scope of the project and demonstrate that the Alpharetta community is willing to provide substantial support for the facility. The Board's perspective on the GSU project appears to be greatly influenced by the University of Georgia's proposal to develop a four-year, full-service institution in Gwinnett county (which has supplied a much larger amount of land for the UGA project than Alpharetta has promised GSU). Dr. Crimmins noted that investing in a large-scale facility would not be in the University's interests, given current attempts to draw more traditional undergraduates to the urban campus and possible
competition from other institutions in the Cobb area (e.g., Kennesaw SU). Dr. Vijay Vaishnavi asked if collaboration with Kennesaw was a possibility. Mr. Fisher responded that it would be difficult to accommodate another institution in the planned space.

Dr. Lauren Adamson asked if the project would have a better chance of being approved if it was proposed as a graduate compliment to UGA's undergraduate programs in Gwinnett. Dr. Crimmins responded that the University chose not to be involved in the Gwinnett Center several years ago and doubted that the decision would be revisited. Dr. Mary Ann Romski asked for a clarification on the current status of the North Metro campus. Mr. Fisher informed the group that the University had one year remaining on their lease at the Dunwoody location and the owners are willing to negotiate a new deal.

Renovation and Repair
Committee members informed Mr. Fisher about several needed repairs on campus, all involving elevators. Mr. Fisher reported that repairs were planned for elevators in CBA. Repairs to those in 1 PP must be worked out with the Foundation since the University does not own the building. Dr. Adamson suggested that additional signs be placed around or in the express elevators in GCB. She noted that people unfamiliar with the building often mistakenly get on these elevators not knowing that they go directly from the first to the seventh floor.

Election of New Committee Chair
Dr. Crimmins informed the group that because of his appointment to the position of Associate Provost for Academic Programs he could no longer serve as committee chair. He will serve as an appointed member of the committee, however, in the position formerly held by Dr. Paula Dressel. After asking the committee to nominate a member to take over as chair, Dr. Romski nominated Dr. Vaishnavi (Professor of Computer Information Systems). The nomination was seconded, and no other nominations were made. Dr. Crimmins called for a vote, and Dr. Vaishnavi was elected unanimously. Accordingly, Dr. Vaishnavi will take Dr. Crimmins' current position on CBSAC.

Following the vote, the meeting was adjourned.

Recorded by John Medlock, Committee Assistant