Members present: Cleon Arrington, Missy Cody, William Decatur, Nancy Deel, Joe Fisher, Charlene Hurt, William Nelson, Chris Paton, James Scott, Vijay Vaishnavi, Carol Whitcomb, Armenia Williams, Diane Willen, Harry Wyatt

Members absent: Lauren Adamson, Gordon Anderson, Dan Benardot, Tim Crimmins, Richard Fendler, Carol Foster, Ronald Henry, Julie Hotchkiss, Philo Hutcheson, Diane Fowlkes, Aaron Jeffers, Ben Johnson, Charles Jones, John Lampl, Stephen Langston, Sarah Mosely, Ellwood Oakley, George Rainbolt, Mary Ann Romski, Vida Scarpello, Brenda Smith, Bill Waugh, Judith Wold

As the first item of business, the minutes from the February meeting were approved.

Presentation on University Signage Plan
Much of the meeting consisted of a presentation on the proposed signage plan for Georgia State by Ms. Kim Armstrong from Design and Construction Services and consultants from Wages Design of the firm that worked with GSU on the current University logo.

The plans are the product of a two-year effort to improve exterior signage and way finding at the University. $50,000 is the current allocation for the project, and an additional $200,000 from the University contingency fund is being sought for the effort this year. Total costs are estimated at $750,000 over three years (funded as a capital improvement).

The differing ages and styles of GSU buildings required that the team design versatile signage systems. Considering the lack of green space at the University, placement of signs was also a key issue. In the first stage of implementing the plan, large, lit signs recently have been placed on Alumni Hall, 1 Park Place, the PE Building, and the University Village. A smaller, unlit sign has also been placed on the Plaza bridge. The presenters shared designs for several types of signs with the committee.

- Building identification signs, which are about one and a half feet tall, will be installed near major doorways. Some accommodations will have to be made for the historic buildings on campus. A model of the signage will be installed on the N parking deck in the near future.

- Brushed aluminum pedestrian orientation kiosks, or "You Are Here" signs, contain removable campus maps that are protected by a plexiglass window. One-sided signs will be placed in five areas, primarily green areas. Two-sided signs will be placed in two central campus locations.

- Small, thin pedestrian directive signs, also of brushed aluminum, will be placed at major corners and intersections. Sandblasted indicators on the signs (which should hold up well to vandalism) will point to area buildings. These signs will be the last installed.

- Building directories of three sizes will be installed in each University building. The directories
will be maintained updated by the Physical Plant under the direction of building administrators (usually the senior building administrator such as a dean).

Two more large exterior signs are planned: on the Urban Life Building (visible from the expressway) and on the College of Education Building (visible from the Capitol). Responding to a committee member’s question, the designers noted that no underground signage is currently planned. Although a separate project, Design and Construction Services is currently developing plans for signage at Indian Creek.

**New Business**

Committee chair Dr. Vijay Vaishnavi announced a **special committee meeting** with the SACS review team on April 7. The meeting will focus primarily on University Strategic Initiatives.

He informed the group that the Board of Regents’ approved plans for the **North Metro Campus** in Alpharetta at their last meeting. Dr. William Decatur indicated that the next step in the process was for the city of Alpharetta to identify funds for their share of the costs. Alternatives for funding include going to the voters in July with a bond referendum. Between now and then, Georgia State will put together its funding plans and possibly select a design and construction team for the facility.

Regarding the **new classroom building**, Mr. Joe Fisher noted that several attempts in the legislature to eliminate the project from the budget have been defeated. Mr. Fisher also announced that the University plans to build a **recreation center**. Mr. Jim Scott stated that the new **Student Center** will open on March 30. The Grand Opening will be held in mid-April. Several other celebrations will be held throughout the month of April to showcase the facility.

No new items were raised, and Dr. Vaishnavi adjourned the meeting.

Recorded by John Medlock, Committee Assistant