Members Present: Lauren Adamson, Cleon Arrington, Chip Barksdale, Missy Cody, Tim Crimmins, William Decatur, Joe Fisher, Wanda Gaither, Truman Hartshorn, Charlene Hurt, Philo Hutcheson, John Kesner, Mike Moore, Chris Paton, Jeff Rupp, Vida Scarpello, James Scott, P. C. Tai, Vijay Vaishnavi, Harry Wyatt, Carol Whitcomb, Armenia Williams, LaKisha Williams


Committee chair Vijay Vaishnavi called the meeting to order at 1:05p.m.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes of the Planning and Development Committee on May 18, 1998. The minutes were approved with the addition of the year 2007 in the sentence about projected student enrollment. It now reads: Mr. Wyatt indicated that the target of 28,000 students by 2007 is a conservative estimate.

Update on the Campus Master Plan
Harry Wyatt updated the committee on the Campus Master Plan, which has been in progress for 18 months. Dr. Patton will report on the Plan to the Regents in January, 1999.

The goals for the project include the following items:

- Identify and meet existing space need by current standards.
- Accommodate future needs.
- Decommission poor facilities such as Kell Hall and Edgewood Building.
- Enhance functional adjacencies for departments that are scattered around the campus.
- Integrate institutional buildings into city environment.
- Develop identifying campus image.
- Develop outdoor spaces.

Projections, which are based on the increase of students from 24,000 in 1997 to 28,000 in 2007, indicate increasing student housing units from 2000 (1997) to 4000 in 2007 and usable Square Feet from 2.2 million (1997) to 3.6 million in 2007.

The last 18 months have been spent collecting and analyzing data on 120 departments, traffic, infrastructure and housing. Needs are determined by comparing interview results with CEFPI Standards, which is a requirement of the Regents template. Examples of space needs include 148,000 Assignable S.F. laboratory space, 76,000 A.S.F. office space, 36,000 A.S.F. classroom space, 83,000 A.S.F. library space, 540,000 A.S.F. housing space, 41,000 A.S.F. student services space, and 149,000 A.S.F. shop/warehouse space.

Strategy to accommodate increased space needs include (1) taking support functions away from campus core leaving more space for academic functions, (2) construct or acquire 1.4 million S.F. land/buildings and (3) provide Master Plan that is flexible and takes advantages of opportunities.
Three priority schemes are the Main Street Scheme, Urban Infill Scheme, and Auburn Area Scheme. The Main Street Scheme with highest priority would develop Decatur Street as an image focus by decreasing vehicular traffic, widening sidewalks, adding bike paths, drop off spots, parallel parking, trees and landscaping. From Collins Street to Hurt Park the scheme would develop underground passages and a quadrangle. The Commissioner of Planning for the City of Atlanta supports the plan and the City Traffic Engineer agreed to a decrease of traffic on Decatur Street and to a decommission of Gilmer Street.

Using a chart, Mr. Wyatt showed the expansion of the Laboratory Science and Student Services zones. Expansion across the connector would provide for support functions, remote parking, recreation fields, and student housing. Student housing could be dispersed along Auburn Avenue, Edgewood Avenue, and around Hurt Park. Expansion into Fairlie-Poplar would be for classrooms and Continuing Education could be around Olympic Park.

In answer to LaKisha Williams’ question about where student parking would be located when the parking decks are gone, Mr. Wyatt said parking could be moved to remote locations across the connector. 1500 parking spaces will be added to the existing number, 1200 spaces for student parking and 300 spaces associated with new housing.

The Capitol Project will include teaching lab, research lab building, relocation of Plant/Receiving, housing, academic office building, library/archival storage, and administration building. Some projects such as site improvements, building renovations, expansion of Science annex, Policy Studies annex, and College of Education Annex will be scheduled in phases. Other phased projects could be the multi-purpose Convocation Center, Continuing Education, and relocation of recreation areas.

The estimated cost is $500 million with the State providing half over ten years and the other half coming from public and private partnerships and creative financing.

The answers to (1) Dr. Vaishnavi’s question regarding the location for faculty office space was to acquire a 76,000 S.F. office building; (2) Vida Scarpello’s question about the effect of raising admission standards would have on the projections was that it had been factored in; (3) Jeff Rupp’s question about the status of the Atlanta Police Station was that when purchased it could be the location of the multi-purpose Convocation Center; (4) Vida Scarpello’s question about whether the increase in fees due to increased student enrollment over the next ten years was considered was Yes.

Bill Decatur said the three key projects are the new office building, the instructional laboratory building and the research building.

**Current Status of Moves and Renovation Projects**

Harry Wyatt distributed a handout and reported on the FY 1999 Moves and Renovations Projects. Six projects were listed with a total cost of $1,900,000.

Dr. Crimmins noted that the current budget deficit is projected at $1,500,000 due to the transition from the quarter system to the semester system. Missy Cody agreed with him that the projects needed to be evaluated and the decision made as to which ones could be delayed or phased in. The three projects that could be completed in phases were Campus Signage, Student Support Services Move and Sparks Hall Restroom Upgrade.
Lauren Adamson asked about the Wachovia construction phase and Missy Cody asked about the Psychology budget and how much was included for furniture. Bill Decatur said that $529,000 is in the budget for the Psychology Clinic, which covers built-in furniture. Due to the deficit some furniture may be reused.

Dr. Vaishnavi thanked Mr. Wyatt for both of his thorough reports.

**Update on the New Classroom Building**
Joe Fisher distributed a handout showing floor plans. Seven of the eight parcels have been acquired. The Peachtree-Broad building is in negotiation. The building design with the atrium meets the requirement to be 60% efficient.

Mr. Fisher said the exterior of the building is brick and concrete with many windows. Dr. Crimmins requested a sketch of the exterior of the building at the next meeting.

The plans will go to Dr. Patton soon for sign off.

**Update on the North Metro Center at Alpharetta**
Joe Fisher reported that the City of Alpharetta sold bonds last week at 4.5%, The proceeds of the sale will go to the Trustees by October 8th. The bond issue covers hard cost, construction and fixed equipment. This is a joint project between the Foundation and the City of Alpharetta, which put in $1.6 million of the $10 million bond issue. The City of Alpharetta Development Authority issued the bonds, GSU Foundation is the borrower, which will build the facility and lease it to the University for 20 years. Bill Decatur explained that if the Regents decide not to approve the annual lease, the City of Alpharetta guarantees payment of the bonds.

The new facility is twice the size of North Metro. Two case study rooms have fixed furniture. Dr. Crimmins said only half of the furniture at North Metro is appropriate to reuse. There is money for the conduits but the money to run the cables for computers and equipment has not been added.

**Administrative Support Services Review**
Dr. Crimmins said academic departments are reviewed every seven years and now Support Services reviews are being added every five years. He proposed a 10 member Administrative Support Unit Assessment Committee to be approved annually by the Planning and Development Committee. The proposed committee members include three academic program area representatives with Provost of Academic Programs, Dr. Crimmins, as the chair, Lloyd Nigro - School of Policy Studies, Ed Miles - CBA, V. P. of Research and External Affairs has two representatives - Don Wright and Tricia Herndon, Julie Bannermann and a member to be named – Finance administration, Gwen Francis and Herb Kepler – Student Life and Enrollment Services, Ell Oakley – Planning and Development.

Vita Scarpello was concerned about the duplication of efforts of this committee with other surveys that have been developed. She is on the Cultural Diversity Committee developing a staff assessment survey. Dr. Crimmins agreed that the committee should utilize existing surveys to the extent possible.

Charlene Hurt made the motion to approve the slate and the vote was unanimous.

Recorded by Sally Smith