I. Minutes of 12/13/00 were approved.

II. Governor's Budget Recommendations
Ron Henry noted a recommended 4.5% increase for both faculty and staff, with a 3.5% increase for DTAE employees. (Staff will receive raises October 1st.) In addition, he indicated $18M will be provided for "hold harmless for enrollment loss," and $22M for enrollment increases, leaving $8M outstanding overall that may be funded with 'one-time' supplementary budget [in legislative session 2002] if there is solid enrollment for fall 2001. No funding for Eminent Scholars has been proposed. $10M is allocated to aid health insurance claims. $4.5M has been suggested for the Yamacraw project.

III. Enrollment
Credit hours for this term stand at 237,286, Ron Henry indicates this figure will most likely reach 240,000. Average load is up to 10.3 hours, and the number of new freshmen has also increased. GSU has not met its projected enrollment increase of 15,000 for FY2001. Solid classes are evidenced in freshman and sophomore levels, while graduate student numbers are down. The BOR was presented with graphical representations indicating the numbers of traditional students and new freshmen have increased, as have the number of students with a freshman index greater than 2500. Retention rates for returning freshman students both at GSU as well as within the System are improving.

Discussion regarding the Vision Statement for Graduate Research will be postponed for another meeting. Hazel Scott and Faye Borthick will attend Deans' Group meetings in the future. Discussion regarding non-tenure track faculty will be considered at a future meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 31, 9-11:00 a.m., Room 200, Golden Key Board Room, Student Center.

Submitted 01/17/01 by Lisa Beck.