

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
HELD AT
Atlanta Georgia
November 10, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Monday, November 10, 2008, in the Board Room, 270 Washington St., S.W. The Chair of the Board, Regent Richard L. Tucker, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. Present in addition to Chair Tucker, were Vice Chair Robert F. Hatcher and Regents Kenneth R. Bernard, Jr., Hugh A. Carter, Jr., William H. Cleveland, Felton Jenkins, W. Mansfield Jennings, Jr., James R. Jolly, Elridge W. McMillan, Donald M. Leebern, Jr., William H. NeSmith, Jr., Doreen Stiles Poitevint, Willis J. Potts, Jr., Wanda Yancey Rodwell, Kessell D. Stelling, Jr., and Benjamin Tarbutton, III.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given on Monday, November 10, 2008, by Regent James R. Jolly.

SAFETY BRIEFING

The Assistant Vice Chancellor for Compliance and Operations, Sandra L. Neuse, gave a briefing of basic safety information.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

The attendance report was read on November 10, 2008, by the Secretary to the Board, J. Burns Newsome, who announced that Regents James A. Bishop and Allan Vigil received permission to be absent that day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Board of Regents meetings held on October 14-15 and October 30, 2008, were unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Before introducing the Student Advisory Council (“SAC”) students, Chancellor Erroll B. Davis, Jr. encouraged the audience to take a moment during a break or after the meeting to enjoy the works of art by graduate students at Georgia State University, which were displayed in the Boardroom. He then recognized the three SAC student leaders in attendance. Ryan Greene, a resident of Rutledge, Georgia, is majoring in Business Management at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, where he serves as the student government president. Ortila Perez, who came to Georgia from New York City nine years ago, is a nontraditional student at Georgia Perimeter

College's Dunwoody Campus where she serves as vice president of the student government association. Michael Naghshineh attends the University of Georgia where he has a dual major in Finance and Spanish and serves as chair of external affairs for the student government association.

The Interim President of the Georgia Institute of Technology ("GIT"), Gary Schuster, recognized Dr. Mostafa El-Sayed, the Regents Professor in the GIT's School of Chemistry and Biochemistry, who was awarded the 2007 Medal of Science, the nation's highest honor in the field. Dr. El-Sayed received the medal in an awards ceremony at the White House on September 29, 2008.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: STRATEGIC PLANNING

Under the leadership of Chair Robert F. Hatcher, the Strategic Planning Committee, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, heard one presentation on Goal Three of the Strategic Plan. Increasing the production of healthcare professionals in the State of Georgia is an important objective of the Board's strategic goal of increasing the System's participation in research and economic development. The Associate Vice Chancellor for Planning and Implementation, Shelley C. Nickel, introduced the Executive Director of the Center for Health Workforce Planning and Analysis (the "Center"), Benjamin R. Robinson, who discussed the Center's role in addressing this critical need. Mr. Robinson discussed the direction of the Center's future work and the structure it will use to help ensure the state has a healthcare workforce that can meet the needs of all of Georgia's citizens.

The state's healthcare workforce currently confronts a variety of concerns in medicine, nursing, behavioral health, as well as in other areas. The University System of Georgia has moved to address these challenges, as is seen in the efforts of the Medical College of Georgia and the University of Georgia to expand medical education in Georgia, and in the System's increasing support for nursing education. The efforts with medical education are already under way and will produce a substantial increase in the number of physicians graduating from the System. For nursing, the System has already seen significant improvements in the education of new nurses for Georgia, having increased the number of nursing graduates by 18% since 2006. However, much work remains to be done to ensure ongoing progress in medicine and nursing and to ensure other healthcare professions also receive the attention they deserve.

The complex nature of health professions education, the role of specific outside accrediting bodies for each health profession, the high costs of running the programs to train these professions, and other unique attributes of health professions education will require the internal capacity to ensure that the University System can navigate the challenging landscape of health professions education. The Center is now in place to help ensure that the System takes a leadership position in addressing the health workforce needs of the state.

The committee recessed at approximately 11:00 a.m.

RECONVENTION

Following the scheduled committee meetings, Chair Richard L. Tucker reconvened the Board in full session at approximately 1:30 p.m.

2009 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Senior Vice Chancellor for External Affairs, Thomas E. Daniel, gave the Board a brief update on the upcoming legislative session.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: STRATEGIC PLANNING

Under the leadership of Chair Robert F. Hatcher, the Strategic Planning Committee, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, heard one additional presentation on Goal Four of the Strategic Plan. The Associate Vice Chancellor for Planning and Implementation, Shelley C. Nickel, introduced the Vice Chancellor for P-16 Initiatives, Lynne Weisenbach, and the Dean of the College of Education at Columbus State University, David Rock, who discussed the System's commitment to meeting 80% of the state's need for teachers by the year 2020.

The committee meeting adjourned at approximately 2:14 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

The Executive and Compensation Committee met on Monday, November 10, 2008, at approximately 1:00 p.m. in room 7019. Committee members in attendance were Chair Richard L. Tucker, Vice Chair Robert F. Hatcher, and Regents W. Mansfield Jennings, Jr., James R. Jolly, Donald M. Leebern, Jr., and Elridge McMillan. Chancellor Erroll B. Davis, Jr., and members of his staff also were present. Chair Tucker reported to the Board that the Committee reviewed four items, one of which required action. With motion properly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the Board approved and authorized the following:

1. **Information Item: Proposed Schedule for the 2009 Two-Year and State College Campus Visits**

The proposed schedule for 2009 Two-Year and State College Campus Visits was presented to the Executive and Compensation Committee for review.

2. **Information Item: Paper Reduction Strategies**

Senior staff updated the Committee on paper reduction strategies proposed and/or implemented at the University System Office.

3. Information Item: Presidential Search Update

The Chief Academic Officer & Executive Vice Chancellor, Susan Herbst, briefed the Committee on presidential searches currently in progress.

4. Executive Session: Personnel Matters

At approximately 1:12 p.m. on Monday, November 10, 2008, Chair Richard L. Tucker called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to go into executive session. Those Regents are as listed above. The Chancellor and members of his senior staff also were present. In accordance with H.B. 278, Section 3 (amending O.C.G.A. 50-14-4), an affidavit regarding this executive session is on file in the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

Chair Tucker reconvened the committee in its regular session at approximately 1:18 p.m. and announced that no actions were taken during executive session. Following the executive session, the Board unanimously voted to appoint the Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs, Usha Ramachandran, as Treasurer of the Board of Regents.

The committee meeting adjourned at approximately 1:19 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Committee on Academic Affairs met on Monday, November 10, 2008, at approximately 9:45 a.m. in room 5158. Committee members in attendance were Vice Chair Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., and Regents Kenneth R. Bernard, Jr., Hugh A. Carter, Jr., Mansfield Jennings, Jr., Elridge W. McMillan, Doreen Stiles Poitevint, and Wanda Yancey Rodwell. Also in attendance were the Chief Academic Officer & Executive Vice Chancellor, Susan Herbst, and other System Office staff. Representatives from System institutions were also in attendance. Vice Chair Stelling reported to the Board that the Committee had reviewed 37 items, 34 of which required action. Additionally, 212 regular faculty appointments were reviewed and recommended for approval. Of the aggregate, 199 actions concerned part-time retiree appointments. With motion properly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the Board approved and authorized the following:

1. Addition to *The Policy Manual*, Section 401.05, Students with Disabilities

The Board approved a policy that establishes a statement regarding academic services and supports for students with disabilities. This statement would become a part of the Board of Regents Policy Manual Section 401.05, Students with Disabilities, effective November 10, 2008.

Background and Rationale: Currently, the *Academic Affairs Handbook* provides procedures for working with students with disabilities. The proposed statement would establish clear policy as it relates to access for and services provided to students with disabilities and would assure fairness and

equity across all USG institutions. In addition, this policy would support Appendix 5 C, Building Projects Procedures Manual that states that all government facilities after July 1, 1995 must comply with Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (“ADAAG”).

Understandings: The proposed policy will support institutional efforts in administering the necessary services and accommodations for students with disabilities as required by state and federal law. The proposed policy statement follows.

Proposed Policy

401.05 Students with Disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires colleges or universities to make necessary modifications to ensure that the institution does not discriminate or have the effect of discrimination against a qualified student with a disability. The University System of Georgia is committed to providing equal educational opportunities to all students. USG offers students with disabilities a variety of services and accommodations to ensure that both facilities and programs are accessible.

The University System has established sets of common standards and procedures for evaluating and administering accommodations for students with disabilities which can be found in the Academic Affairs Handbook.

The policy is pursuant to the provisions of the American with Disabilities Act. The University System of Georgia is a “public entity” within the meaning of the ADA, 42 U.S.C. § 12131, and 28 C.F.R. § 35.104, and, therefore, subject to Title II of the ADA, and its implementing regulations, 28 C.F.R. Part 35. It is also a “recipient” of “federal financial assistance” within the meaning of Section 504, 29 U.S.C. § 794, and 34 C.F.R. § 104 and is therefore subject to Section 504 and the relevant implementing regulations, 34 C.F.R. Part 104.

2. Establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education/Special Education, Middle Georgia College

The Board approved the request of President W. Michael Stoy that Middle Georgia College (“MGC”) be authorized to establish a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education/Special Education, effective November 10, 2008.

3. Establishment of a Master of Arts in American Studies, Kennesaw State University

The Board approved the request of President Daniel S. Papp that Kennesaw State University (“KSU”) be authorized to establish a Master of Arts in American Studies, effective November 10, 2008.

4. **Establishment of the Peter S. Knox, III Distinguished Chair of Accounting, Augusta State University**

The Board approved the request of President William A. Bloodworth, Jr. that Augusta State University (“AUSU”) be authorized to establish the Peter S. Knox, III Distinguished Chair of Accounting, effective November 10, 2008.

5. **Chaired Professorships**

The administrative and academic appointments as reviewed by the Chair of the Committee on Academic Affairs were approved. Following the approval of Item 4 above, Dr. Murphy L. Smith was added to this list as the holder of the Peter S. Knox, III Distinguished Chair of Accounting, Augusta State University. A full list of these academic appointments is on file in the Office of Faculty Affairs.

6. **Information Item: Services for Students with Disabilities**

The planned presentation on the Regents Centers for Learning Disorders (“RCLD”), and the Alternative Media Access Center (“AMAC”) was deferred until 2009.

7. **Retroactive Approval of Tenure for Dr. Scott Martin, Medical College of Georgia**

This item was added by unanimous consent as a walk-on item to the committee’s agenda.

The Board approved the request of President Daniel W. Rahn that the Medical College of Georgia (“MCG”) be authorized to award probationary credit towards tenure for Dr. Scott Martin, effective November 10, 2008.

The Committee meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS

The Committee on Finance and Business Operations met on Monday, November 10, 2008, at approximately 9:45 a.m. in the Board Room. Committee members in attendance were Chair Willis J. Potts, Jr., Vice Chair William H. Cleveland, and Regents Felton Jenkins, James R. Jolly, Donald M. Leebern, Jr., William H. NeSmith, Jr., and Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III. The Chair of the Board, Richard L. Tucker, the Vice Chair of the Board, Robert F. Hatcher, the Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs, Usha Ramachandran, and the Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, Wayne R. Guthrie, were also in attendance. Chair Potts reported to the Board that the Committee reviewed four items, three of which required action. Item 3 was tabled by the Committee pending further information. With motion properly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the Board approved and authorized the following:

1. Increase in Mandatory Fees at Southern Polytechnic State University

The Board approved an increase in the mandatory fee at Southern Polytechnic State University from \$75 to \$100 in parking facility fees, effective Fall Semester, 2009.

2. Approval of Plan Year 2009 Optional Retirement Plan Employer Contribution Rate

The Board approved the 9.24 percent employer contribution rate for the University System Optional Retirement Plan for Plan Year 2009, effective January 1, 2009.

3. Approval of Plan Year 2009 Optional Retirement Plan Vendors

The Committee unanimously voted to defer an item regarding reducing the number of vendors for the University System Optional Retirement Plan for Plan Year 2009 until more information could be provided.

4. Information Item: First Quarter Revenue and Expenditure Report for Fiscal Year 2009

The Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs, Usha Ramachandran, provided a report on the University System of Georgia's first quarter revenue and expenditure report for Fiscal Year 2009.

The committee meeting adjourned at approximately 10:18 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL AUDIT

The Committee on Internal Audit met on Monday, November 10, 2008, at approximately 10:20 a.m. in Boardroom. Committee members in attendance were Chair Felton Jenkins, Vice Chair James R. Jolly, and Regents William H. Cleveland, Donald M. Leebern, Jr., William H. NeSmith, Jr., Willis J. Potts, Jr., and Benjamin J. Tarbuton, III. The Chair of the Board, Richard L. Tucker, Vice Chair of the Board, Robert F. Hatcher, and the Chief Audit Officer & Associate Vice Chancellor for Internal Audit, Ronald B. Stark, also were in attendance. Chair Jenkins reported to the Board that the Committee reviewed one item, which required action. With motion properly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the Board approved and authorized the following:

1. Revision of *The Policy Manual*, Section 802.20: University System of Georgia Ethics Policy

The Board amended *The Policy Manual* by adding Policy 802.20 ("University System of Georgia Ethics Policy").

Policy Addition

A. *Introduction*

The University System of Georgia (USG) is committed to the highest ethical and professional standards of conduct in pursuit of its mission to create a more educated Georgia. Accomplishing this mission demands integrity, good judgment and dedication to public service from all members of the USG community. While the USG affirms each person's accountability for individual actions, it also recognizes that the shared mission and the shared enterprise of its institutions require a shared set of core values and ethical conduct to which each member of the USG community must be held accountable. Furthermore, the USG acknowledges that an organizational culture grounded in trust is essential to supporting these core values and ethical conduct. The following Statement of Core Values and Code of Conduct are intended to build, maintain and protect that trust, recognizing that each member of the USG community is responsible for doing his/her part by upholding the highest standards of competence and character.

B. *Applicability*

The Statement of Core Values and the Code of Conduct comprise the USG Ethics Policy. The USG Ethics Policy applies to all members of the USG community. The USG community includes all members of the Board of Regents, all individuals employed by or acting on behalf of the USG or one of the USG institutions including volunteers, vendors, contractors, members of the governing boards and employees of all cooperative organizations affiliated with the USG or one of its institutions. Violations of the USG Ethics Policy may result in disciplinary action including dismissal or termination.

Members of the Board of Regents and all individuals employed by the USG or one of its institutions in any capacity shall participate in USG Ethics Policy training and shall certify compliance with the USG Ethics Policy on a periodic basis as provided in the USG Business Procedures Manual. Cooperative organizations, vendors and contractors shall certify compliance with the USG Ethics Policy by written agreement as provided in the USG Business Procedures Manual. The USG Ethics Policy governs only official conduct performed by or on behalf of the USG.

C. *Statement of Core Values*

- I. **Integrity** – We will be honest, fair, impartial and unbiased in our dealings both with and on behalf of the USG.
- II. **Excellence** – We will perform our duties to foster a culture of excellence and high quality in everything we do.
- III. **Accountability** – We firmly believe that education in the form of scholarship, research, teaching, service and developing others is a public trust. We will live up to this trust through safeguarding our resources and being good stewards of the human, intellectual, physical and fiscal resources given to our care.

- IV. **Respect** – We recognize the inherent dignity and rights of every person, and we will do our utmost to fulfill our resulting responsibility to treat each person with fairness, compassion and decency.

D. Purpose of the Code of Conduct

Every member of the USG community is required to adhere to the USG Statement of Core Values – Integrity · Excellence · Accountability · Respect – that form and guide the daily work of the organization. The USG recognizes that each member of the USG community attempts to live by his or her own values, beliefs and ethical decision-making processes. The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to guide members of the USG community in applying the underlying USG Statement of Core Values to the decisions and choices that are made in the course of everyday endeavors. Each USG institution must ensure that its institutional ethics policies are consistent with this USG Ethics policy.

E. Code of Conduct

We will:

- I. **Uphold the highest standards of intellectual honesty and integrity in the conduct of teaching, research, service and grants administration.**
- II. **Act as good stewards of the resources and information entrusted to our care.**
- III. **Perform assigned duties and professional responsibilities in such a manner so as to further the USG mission.**
- IV. **Treat fellow employees, students and the public with dignity and respect.**
- V. **Refrain from discriminating against, harassing or threatening others.**
- VI. **Comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations and professional standards.**
- VII. **Respect the intellectual property rights of others.**
- VIII. **Avoid improper political activities as defined in law and Board of Regents Policy.**
- IX. **Protect human health and safety and the environment in all USG operations and activities.**
- X. **Report wrongdoing to the proper authorities; refrain from retaliating against those who do report violations; and cooperate fully with authorized investigations.**
- XI. **Disclose and avoid improper conflicts of interest.**
- XII. **Refrain from accepting any gift or thing of value in those instances prohibited by law or Board of Regents policy.**
- XIII. **Not use our position or authority improperly to advance the interests of a friend or relative.**

F. Interpretation and Sources

The Statement of Core Values and Code of Conduct do not address every conceivable situation or ethical dilemma that may be faced by members of the USG community.

Members of the USG community are expected to exercise good judgment absent specific guidance from this policy or other applicable laws, rules and regulations. Specific questions pertaining to the Statement of Core Values of Code of Conduct should be directed to a supervisor or other competent authority at the University System Office or at the institution's office of Legal Affairs, Internal Audit, Compliance, Human Resources, Academic Affairs or other appropriate office. There are also multiple sources of authority that address specific questions or situations. Examples include:

- Board of Regents Policy Manual
- Board of Regents Business Procedures Manual
- Board of Regents Human Resources Administrative Practice Manual
- Institutional policies, handbooks and procedures
- State Laws and Regulations
- Federal Laws and Regulations

Further specific explanatory notes and references may be found on the USG's WEB site at www.usg.edu/compliance/ethics/ or its successor reference. (BR Minutes, November 2008)

The committee meeting adjourned at approximately 10:28 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND LAW

The Committee on Organization and Law met on Monday, November 10, 2008 at approximately 10:00a.m. in room 7019. Committee members in attendance were Chair Kenneth R. Bernard, Jr. and Regents Elridge W. McMillan, Doreen Stiles Poitevint, Hugh A. Carter, Jr., Kessel Stelling, Jr., W. Mansfield Jennings, Jr., and Wanda Yancey Rodwell. Chair Bernard reported to the Board on Wednesday that the Committee considered ten applications for review. In accordance with H.B. 278, Section 3 (amending O.C.G.A. § 50_14_4), an affidavit regarding this executive session is on file with the Chancellor's Office. With motion properly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the Board approved and authorized the following:

1. **Mutual Aid Agreement between the Georgia Institute of Technology and the Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency**

The Board approved the following mutual aid agreement between the Georgia Institute of Technology and the Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency, effective immediately.

2. **Applications for Review**

At approximately 10:05 a.m. on Monday, November 10, 2008, Chair Kenneth R. Bernard, Jr. called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and academic records of students. With motion properly made and variously seconded, the Committee members who were

present voted unanimously to go into executive session. Those Regents were Elridge W. McMillan, Doreen Stiles Poitevint, Hugh A. Carter, Jr., Kessel Stelling, Jr., W. Mansfield Jennings, Jr., and Wanda Yancey Rodwell. Also in attendance were: the Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs & Secretary to the Board, J. Burns Newsome, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs, Kimberly Ballard-Washington, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Tonya Lam, and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Faculty Affairs, Linda M. Noble.

Chair Bernard reconvened the Committee meeting in its regular session at approximately 10:40 a.m. and announced that the following items were discussed in executive session:

- a. In the matter of Ms. Tiffany Gordon, at the University of Georgia, concerning her termination, the application for review was denied.
- b. In the matter of Mr. James Mehaffey, at Georgia Highlands College, concerning his termination, the application for review was denied.
- c. In the matter of file no. 1995, at the University of Georgia, concerning the suspension of a student, the application for review was denied.
- d. In the matter of Ms. Denise E. Caldon, at Macon State College, concerning her termination, the application for review was denied.
- e. In the matter of file no. 1997, at the Georgia Institute of Technology, concerning the imposition of disciplinary sanctions on a student, the application for review was remanded to the institution.
- f. In the matter of file no. 1985, at the Georgia Institute of Technology, concerning a student's academic dishonesty charge, the application for review was remanded to the institution.
- g. In the matter of file no. 1998, at the University of West Georgia, concerning the imposition of disciplinary sanctions on a student, the application for review was denied.
- h. In the matter of file no. 1999, at the University of Georgia, concerning the expulsion of a student, the application for review was denied.

- i. In the matter of Dr. Charles Chambliss, at Fort Valley State University, concerning his termination, the application for review was denied.

The committee meeting adjourned at approximately 10:42 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES

The Committee on Real Estate and Facilities met on Monday, November 10, 2008, at approximately 10:27 a.m. in the Board room. Committee members in attendance were Chair Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III, Vice Chair William H. NeSmith, Jr., and Regents William H. Cleveland, Felton Jenkins, James R. Jolly, Donald M. Leebern, Jr., and Willis J. Potts, Jr. Chair of the Board, Richard L. Tucker, Vice Chair of the Board, Robert F. Hatcher, and the Vice Chancellor for Facilities, Linda M. Daniels, and representatives from System institutions were also in attendance. Chair Tucker reported to the Board that the Committee reviewed 15 items, including one walk-on item, of which 14 required action. With motion properly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the Board approved and authorized the following:

1. **Authorization of Project No. BR-71-0901, Library Renovation and Speaker Tom Murphy Office, University of West Georgia**

The Board authorized Project No. BR-71-0901, Library Renovation and Speaker Tom Murphy Office, University of West Georgia (“UWG”), with a total project budget of \$8,000,000 to be funded from Fiscal Year 2009 State General Obligation Bonds.

The library, built in the 1960’s, had an addition in 1980, and totals 40,160 square feet.

According to most recent standards for library planning, preliminary studies indicates major deficiencies exist for seating and studying space. To serve strategic priority needs of UWG, the library renovation will include expanding seating and studying space and addition of information commons.

The project includes partial renovation of the ground floor (basement) to accommodate materials that are not part of the browsing collection, and renovation of the main floor including renovation to seating and studying space, and the reproduction of the Speaker Tom Murphy office for display of his political collections and memorabilia.

The estimated construction cost for this project is \$6,000,000.

The project is consistent with UWG’s master plan.

The University System Office staff and UWG will proceed with design and construction of the project in accordance with Board of Regents procedures.

2. Authorization of Project No. BR-70-0901, Renovation of Langdale Residence Hall, Valdosta State University

The Board authorized Project No. BR-70-0901, Renovation of Langdale Residence Hall, Valdosta State University (“VSU”), with a total project budget of \$1.71 million, to be funded from VSU Auxiliary Enterprises.

The 105,000-square-foot 5-story Langdale Residence Hall was constructed in 1967. The original plumbing system and fixtures will be renovated. High efficiency fixtures will permit considerable water savings. A new five-stop hydraulic elevator will also be installed.

The estimated construction cost for this project is \$1.5 million.

The project is consistent with VSU’s master plan.

The University System Office staff and VSU will proceed with design and construction of the project in accordance with Board of Regents procedures.

3. Authorization of Project Budget Modification, Project No. BR-64-0402, Family Development Center, Fort Valley State University

The Board modified the budget of Project No. BR-64-0402, Family Development Center, Fort Valley State University (“FVSU”), to increase the total project budget from \$2,326,000 to \$3,100,000.

The Family Development Center project approved by the Board in September 2003, is in design. The project site has now been identified along Carver Drive. The project has experienced construction cost escalation.

Funding of this project (including the cost increase of \$774,000) will be from the United States Department of Agriculture Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service funds.

| | <u>May 2003</u> | <u>Now</u> |
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| Total Project Cost | \$2,326,000 | \$3,100,000 |
| Construction Cost (Stated Cost Limitation) | \$1,950,000 | \$2,510,000 |

4. Authorization of Project Budget Modification, Project No. BR-64-0603, Stallworth Biotechnology Addition, Fort Valley State University

The Board modified the budget of Project No. BR-64-0603, Stallworth Biotechnology Addition, Fort Valley State University (“FVSU”), to increase the total project budget from \$3,100,000 to \$3,820,000.

The Stallworth Biotechnology Addition, approved by the Board in May 2007, is in design. Construction cost escalation, including increases in laboratory equipment costs, necessitates this modification.

Funding of this project (including the cost increase of \$720,000) will be from the United States Department of Agriculture Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service funds.

| | <u>May 2007</u> | <u>Now</u> |
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| Total Project Cost | \$3,100,000 | \$3,820,000 |
| Construction Cost (Stated Cost Limitation) | \$2,400,000 | \$3,173,000 |

5. Authorization of Project Modification, Infrastructure-Gas Fire Boiler, University of Georgia

The Board authorized the Central Utility Plant - Northwest Precinct, University of Georgia, (“UGA”) with a total project budget of \$6,400,000 to be funded from State General Obligation Bonds.

The Board also modified the Capital Improvement Plan (“CIP”) approved at the August 2008 meeting to redirect the funding for the Infrastructure-Gas Fire Boiler project to the Central Utility Plant – Northwest Precinct project.

UGA’s anticipated increased steam capacity has been reduced due in part to recent lower than projected actual use and campus wide energy saving measures enacted to mitigate higher energy costs in newly constructed facilities.

UGA has explored alternative energy sources, including biofuel applications, and has recently completed an independent study that concludes a central utility plant for the Northwest precinct would provide the lowest life-cycle cost for heating and cooling.

This central utility plant is UGA’s top infrastructure priority due the reduction in the need for additional steam capacity and a greater strategic need for additional infrastructure capacity in the Northwest Precinct’s approved and proposed academic and support facilities.

The requested Utility Plant will deliver greater energy savings, contribute to a reduction in required mechanical space in new buildings, reduce energy usage by utilization of higher energy efficiency systems, and reduced water consumption through elimination of cooling towers.

The estimated construction cost for this project is \$5,000,000

The University System Office staff and UGA will proceed with design and construction of the project in accordance with Board of Regents procedures.

6. Authorization of Project List and Appointment of Program Management Firms, Georgia Higher Education Facilities Authority (GHEFA)

The Board authorized the projects listed below with a total program budget of \$92,900,000 to be funded through a pooled bond issuance by the Georgia Higher Education Facilities Authority (“GHEFA”).

Bainbridge College – Student Wellness Center
Columbus State University – Student Recreation Center
Southern Polytechnic State University – Student Housing Phase III

The Board appointed Jones Lang LaSalle America, Inc., Atlanta as the program management firm for the Bainbridge College Student Wellness Center project and the Columbus State University Student Recreation Center project and Hendessi & Associates, LLC, Atlanta as the program management firm for the Southern Polytechnic State University Student Housing Phase III project and authorized the execution of contracts with these firms. Should it not be possible to execute contracts with the top-ranked firms, staff will then attempt to execute contracts with the other recommended firms in rank order.

Bainbridge College – Student Wellness Center
Columbus State University – Student Recreation Center

Number of program management firms that applied for this commission: 16

Recommended Program Management firms in rank order:

- 1) Jones Lang LaSalle America, Inc., Atlanta
- 2) Carter & Associates Commercial Services, LLC, Atlanta
- 3) URS Corporation, Atlanta

Southern Polytechnic State University – Student Housing Phase III

Number of program management firms that applied for this commission: 19

Recommended Program Management firms in rank order:

- 1) Hendessi & Associates, LLC, Atlanta
- 2) Jones Lang LaSalle America, Inc., Atlanta
- 3) Brookwood Program Management, LLC, Atlanta

In October 2008, the Vice Chancellor for Facilities, Linda M. Daniels, presented this proposed list of GHEFA projects.

| Campus Project Name | Description | Estimated Cost |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| Bainbridge College Student Wellness Center | Project - 80,000 square foot (“SF”) student center that will include lounge, fitness, | \$25,000,000 |

gymnasium, food court, game room, locker rooms, multi-purpose, offices, and support spaces. Also a 10,000 SF student center addition to the academic facility in Blakely. Funding - Mandatory student fee.

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| Columbus State University Student Recreation Center | Project - 98,000 SF student recreation center that will include lounge, fitness, gymnasium, racquetball, swimming pool, climbing wall, locker rooms, game room, banquet hall, offices, and support space. Funding - Mandatory student fee. | \$29,000,000 |
| Southern Polytechnic State University Student Housing, Phase III | Project - 600 student housing beds in suite style units. Dining facilities. On-site parking. 120 student housing beds of special interest housing. Funding - Student housing rent collections. | \$38,900,000 |

It is anticipated that the Board will be requested to take further action concerning these projects, including the appointment of design professionals and construction management firms.

7. Rental Agreement, Tower Place 200, 3348 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, Georgia State University

The Board authorized the execution of a rental agreement between Aslan Realty Partners III, LLC, Landlord, and the Board of Regents, Tenant, for approximately 23,054 square feet of classroom and associated administrative support space located on the fifth floor of the Tower Place 200, 3348 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, for the period January 1, 2009, through June 30, 2009, at a monthly rent of \$55,713.83 (\$668,566 per year annualized/\$29.00 per square foot per year) with options to renew on a year-to-year basis for five consecutive one-year periods with rent increasing 3% per year, for the use of Georgia State University (“GSU”) J. Mack Robinson College of Business Executive Masters of Business Administration (“MBA”) and the executive education program.

In April 2006, the Board approved the establishment of an external Executive MBA program in Buckhead for GSU. In June 2006 and January 2007, the Board authorized execution of rental agreements for approximately 12,000 and 2,731 square feet respectively on the fourth floor of Tower Place 200 for the GSU Executive MBA program, the executive education program and the Center for Global Leadership.

This fifth floor space will also be used by the GSU Executive MBA program and executive education program.

If this agreement is terminated prior to the fifth renewal term, an additional premature termination payment will be due to the Landlord in the amount of \$578,630.00 during the initial term, decreasing each year to \$86,530.00 at the end of the fourth renewal term.

All operating expenses are included in the rent rate.

8. Ground Lease Amendments and Rental Agreements, Fraternity Housing, University of Georgia

Modified: This item was modified prior to the Committee meeting. The modification is shown in bold and italics.

The Board approved the sub-lease by UGAREF Fraternity Row, LLC (the “LLC”), Lessee, to UGAREF Fraternity Row House 1, LLC, (the “House 1, LLC”) of an approximately 0.37 acre tract of real property located on River Road, Athens.

The Board approved the sub-lease by the LLC, Lessee, to UGAREF Fraternity Row House 2, LLC, (the “House 2, LLC”) of an approximately 0.32 acre tract of real property located on River Road, Athens.

The Board approved the sub-lease by the LLC, Lessee, to UGAREF Fraternity Row House 3, LLC (the “House 3 LLC”) of an approximately 0.36 acre tract of real property located on River Road, Athens.

The Board approved the sub-lease by the LLC, Lessee, to UGAREF Fraternity Row House 7, LLC, (the “House 7, LLC”) of an approximately 0.2 acre tract of real property located on River Road, Athens.

The Board authorized the execution of a rental agreement between House 1, LLC, Landlord, and Board of Regents, Tenant for 20 beds of student housing for fraternal organizations on the above-referenced approximately 0.37 acres of real property for the period commencing on the first day of the first month after House 1, LLC obtains a certificate of occupancy for all 20 beds of student housing for fraternal organizations, but not earlier than July 1, 2009, and ending the following June 30 at a rent not to exceed \$300,000 per year annualized with options to renew on a year to year basis for up to 29 consecutive one-year periods (the total not to exceed 30 years from the date House 1, LLC receives the certificate of occupancy for all 20 beds of student housing for fraternal organizations), at the same rent rate.

The Board authorized the execution of a rental agreement between House 2, LLC, Landlord, and Board of Regents, Tenant, for 20 beds of student housing for fraternal organizations on the above-

referenced approximately 0.32 acres of real property for the period commencing on the first day of the first month after House 2, LLC obtains a certificate of occupancy for all 20 beds of student housing for fraternal organizations, but not earlier than July 1, 2009, and ending the following June 30 at a rent not to exceed \$300,000 per year annualized with options to renew on a year to year basis for up to 29 consecutive one-year periods (the total not to exceed 30 years from the date the House 2, LLC receives the certificate of occupancy for all 20 beds of student housing for fraternal organizations), at the same rent rate.

The Board authorized the execution of a rental agreement between House 3, LLC, Landlord, and Board of Regents, Tenant, for 20 beds of student housing for fraternal organizations on the above-referenced approximately 0.36 acres of real property for the period commencing on the first day of the first month after House 3, LLC obtains a certificate of occupancy for all 20 beds of student housing for fraternal organizations, but not earlier than July 1, 2009, and ending the following June 30 at a rent not to exceed \$300,000 per year annualized with options to renew on a year to year basis for up to 29 consecutive one-year periods (the total not to exceed 30 years from the date the House 3, LLC receives the certificate of occupancy for all 20 beds of student housing for fraternal organizations), at the same rent rate.

The Board authorized the execution of a rental agreement between House 7, LLC, Landlord, and Board of Regents, Tenant, for 15 beds of student housing for fraternal organizations on the above-referenced approximately 0.2 acres of real property for the period commencing on the first day of the first month after the House 7, LLC obtains a certificate of occupancy for 15 beds of student housing for fraternal organizations, but not earlier than July 1, 2009, and ending the following June 30 at a rent not to exceed \$275,000 per year annualized with options to renew on a year to year basis for up to 29 consecutive one-year periods (the total not to exceed 30 years from the date the House 7, LLC receives the certificate of occupancy for all 15 beds of student housing for fraternal organizations), at the same rent rate.

In October 2008, the Board authorized the execution of a ground lease to the LLC, of 5.28 acres of real property on River Road, Athens, on the campus of the University of Georgia (“UGA”) for the purpose of providing student housing for fraternal organizations recognized by UGA.

The Board was informed that further action would be required to effectuate the transaction.

These sub-ground leases of portions of the ground leased premises and rental agreements will allow development of student housing facilities for three fraternal organizations recognized by UGA. Further action by the Board may be required to effectuate transactions to allow development of additional student housing facilities for fraternal organizations recognized by UGA on the remainder of the ground leased premises.

9. Acquisition of Real Property, 90 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Warner Robins, Macon State College

The Board authorized the purchase of approximately 3.05 acres of improved real property located at

90 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Warner Robins, from the Macon State Foundation (the “Foundation”) for \$300,522 for the use and benefit of Macon State College (“MSC”).

The above-referenced real property is subject to a reversion to the United States Department of the Air Force (the “Air Force”) in the event that the real property is sold, without consent of the Air Force, or ceases to be used by MSC to expand their off-campus site in Warner Robins.

The acquisition of this real property is subject to completion of an environmental assessment of the real property indicating no significant problems or, if environmental problems are indicated, said problems be mitigated before the real property is acquired.

The acquisition of this real property is subject to completion of a facility condition analysis indicating no significant maintenance, repair or replacement issues.

Acquisition of this real property is consistent with the MSC master plan for Warner Robins. This real property is improved with a 2,996-square-foot one-story frame and stucco building built in 1979, a paved parking area, a fenced playground area, and a lighted basketball and tennis court.

The building will be used by MSC for student activities and storage.

This real property was acquired by the Foundation in August 2008 for \$300,522.

Three independent appraisals of the real property are as follows:

| <u>Appraiser</u> | <u>Appraised</u> | <u>Average</u> |
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| Dennis W. Benson, Macon | \$318,000 | |
| David I. Simmons, MAI, Fort Valley | \$300,000 | \$306,000 |
| S. Gary Garrard, Warner Robins | \$300,000 | |

There are no known adverse easements on the real property.

Funding for the purchase is from MSC funds.

10. Ground Lease and Rental Agreement, Student Housing, Georgia Southwestern State University

The Board declared an approximately 1.735 acre tract of unimproved real property on the campus of Georgia Southwestern State University (“GSWU”), no longer advantageously useful to GSWU or other units of the University System of Georgia but only to the extent and for the purpose of allowing this real property to be ground leased to the GSW Housing Foundation II, LLC (the “LLC”), for the purpose of providing student housing facilities containing approximately 300 student housing beds, 293 parking spaces, and site amenities.

The Board authorized the execution of a ground lease, including necessary access, use, and construction easements and encroachments, between the Board of Regents, Lessor, and the LLC, Lessee, for the above-referenced approximately 1.735 acres of real property on the campus of GSWU for a period not to exceed 32 years (not to exceed 30 years from the date the LLC obtains a certificate of occupancy for 300 student housing beds and 293 parking spaces and providing a construction period of not more than two years), with an option to renew for up to an additional five years should there be debt outstanding at the end of the original ground lease term, for the purpose of providing student housing facilities containing approximately 300 student housing beds, 293 parking spaces, and site amenities.

The Board authorized the execution of a rental agreement between the LLC, Landlord, and the Board of Regents, Tenant, for the above-referenced student housing facilities, parking, and site amenities for the period commencing on the first day of the first month after the LLC obtains a certificate of occupancy for 300 student housing beds and 293 parking spaces but not earlier than August 1, 2009, and ending the following June 30 at a rent not to exceed \$500,000, with an option to renew for one year at a rent not to exceed \$900,000, with further options to renew on a year-to-year basis for up to 28 consecutive one-year periods (the total not to exceed 30 years from the date the LLC obtains a certificate of occupancy for 300 student housing beds and 293 parking spaces), with rent increasing no more than 3% for each further option period exercised.

The Board authorized the execution of a site license between the LLC, Licensee, and the Board of Regents, to allow early site access to mobilize and install erosion control, commence site work including clearing and grading, and relocating utilities.

In October 1997, the Board passed a student housing policy that requires the preparation of a comprehensive plan for student housing together with a financial plan to support housing program objectives. GSWU has developed a comprehensive housing plan that is consistent with the policy. The housing market study contained in the comprehensive housing plan indicates demand to support this housing.

In August 2008, the Board authorized the demolition of Complex III on the campus of GSWU. In October 2008, the Vice Chancellor for Facilities, Linda M. Daniels, presented an information item to the Board on a proposed new student housing project to be built on the site of Complex III.

The anticipated schedule is for the LLC to have a bond closing by the end of December 2008, and commence construction immediately thereafter. Construction of 300 student housing beds and 293 parking spaces is expected to be complete in July 2009 to allow occupancy by GSWU at the beginning of Fall Semester 2009.

At the end of the term of the ground lease, the real property, all improvements, and any accumulated capital reserves will become the property of the Board of Regents.

11. Demolition of Ajax Building, 881 Hemphill Avenue, Georgia Institute of Technology

The Board declared the building at 881 Hemphill Avenue on the campus of the Georgia Institute of Technology (“GIT”), to be no longer advantageously useful to GIT or other units of the University System of Georgia and authorized demolition and removal of this building.

The Board will request the Governor to issue an Executive Order authorizing the demolition and removal of this building from the campus of GIT.

This building was constructed by Lester Maddox in 1947 as an ice cream parlor and grill. It later became known as the Pickrick Restaurant. The restaurant was targeted with sit-ins during the civil rights movement. Mr. Maddox sold the building to the Board of Regents for the use of GIT in October 1965. GIT has used the building as a job placement center and for GIT Campus Police Annex.

GIT is adhering to the requirements of the Georgia Environmental Policy Act (“GEPA”) and the appropriate State Stewardship Review.

A hazardous materials survey and assessment has been conducted and has identified recommendations for the proper management and disposal of asbestos-containing materials, lead based paint, and other hazardous materials during demolition to ensure compliance with environmental regulations.

While the building is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, the demolition of the building is in accordance with the GIT master plan as part of expansion of the GIT Eco-Commons, a master plan objective to manage storm water runoff and increase the amount of open green and recreational space opportunities.

12. Resolution 2008C and 2008D General Obligation Bond Issue, Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission, University System of Georgia

The Board adopted the Resolution prepared by the Revenue Division of the Department of Law covering the issuance of 2008C and 2008 D General Obligation Bonds (“G. O. Bonds”) by the State of Georgia through the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission for use in funding projects for the University System of Georgia.

The Revenue Division of the Office of the Attorney General has prepared on behalf of the Board of Regents a Resolution (Appendix I) to cover the sale of 2008C G. O. Bonds for the following projects:

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| J-148 | Renovate & Equip Umbilical Cord Stem Cell Core Facility Medical College of Georgia | \$ 450,000 |
| J-144 | Student Learning Center / Administration Building Stateboro Facility | |

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| | East Georgia College | \$ 500,000 |
| J-149 | Zeiss “Live Five” Microscope System Medical College of Georgia | \$ 600,000 |
| I-93 | Special Collections Library University of Georgia | \$ 500,000 |
| J-126 | Health Sciences Building Kennesaw State University | \$ 4,500,000 |
| J-44 | Academic Classroom & Laboratory Building Fort Valley State University | \$ 2,100,000 |
| J-152 | Consolidated School of Dentistry, School of Medicine and Education Commons Facility (Design Funds) Medical College of Georgia | \$ 3,000,000 |
| J-46 | College of Pharmacy University of Georgia | \$ 4,500,000 |
| GRA | Major Research and Development, (R&D Equipment) Georgia Research Alliance | <u>\$ 14,000,000</u> |
| | Total | \$ 30,150,000 |

The Revenue Division of the Office of the Attorney General has prepared on behalf of the Board of Regents a Resolution (Appendix I) to cover the sale of 2008D G. O. Bonds for the following projects:

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| J-136 | Northwest Campus Infrastructure University of West Georgia | \$ 1,900,000 |
| J-137 | Renovation of Hendricks Hall Georgia Southern University | \$ 4,000,000 |
| J-150 | Renovation of the Math & Computer Science Building Valdosta State University | \$ 4,075,000 |
| J-50 | G. Wayne Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons Georgia Institute of Technology | \$ 5,000,000 |
| J-140 | Hinman Technology Building Georgia Institute of Technology | \$ 2,000,000 |

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| J-153 | Library Renovation and Speaker Tom Murphy Office University of West Georgia | \$ 1,000,000 |
| J-151 | Major Repair and Rehabilitation Funds Systemwide | \$ 15,000,000 |
| J-133 | Engineering Technology Center Southern Polytechnic State University | \$ 29,955,000 |
| J-142 | Animal Rescue Center Fort Valley State University | \$ 650,000 |
| J-134 | Remediation of the Business/Health Science Building Clayton State University | \$ 4,400,000 |
| J-135 | Alpharetta Academic Center Georgia State University/Georgia Perimeter College | \$ 10,600,000 |
| J-139 | Nursing/Health Building Gordon College | \$ 500,000 |
| J-132 | School of Dentistry Medical College of Georgia | \$ 60,000,000 |
| GMC | New Prep School Facility Georgia Military College | \$ 18,000,000 |
| GPLS | Blackshear Memorial Library Blackshear, Pierce County | \$ 1,900,000 |
| GPLS | Mildred L. Terry Branch Library, Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library | \$ 500,000 |
| GPLS | Nancy Guinn Memorial Library Addition Conyers, Rockdale County | <u>\$ 1,500,000</u> |
| | Total | \$ 160,980,000 |

13. **Executive Session: Acquisition of Real Property**

At approximately 10:41 a.m. on Monday, November 10, 2008, Chair Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing possible real property acquisitions. With motion properly made and variously seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to go into executive session. Those Regents are as follows: Chair Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III, Vice Chair William H. NeSmith, Jr., and Regents William H. Cleveland, Felton Jenkins, James R. Jolly,

Donald M. Leebern, Jr., and Willis J. Potts, Jr. Chair of the Board, Richard L. Tucker, and Vice Chair of the Board, Robert F. Hatcher the Senior Vice Chancellor for External Affairs, Thomas E. Daniel, the Vice Chancellor for Facilities, Linda M. Daniels, the Director of Real Estate Services, Joseph J. Fucile, the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs, Daryl Griswold, the Associate Vice Chancellor, Development & Administration, Peter J. Hickey, the Executive Director of Real Estate ventures, Marty Nance, and the Chief Operating Officer, Robert E. Watts. Kennesaw State University President Dan Papp, Kennesaw State University Vice President for University Advancement, Wes Wicker, Kennesaw State University Marcus Professor of Public History & Holocaust Studies, Dr. Catherine Lewis, Georgia State University President Carl Patton, Georgia State University Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration, Jerry Rackliffe, Georgia State University Assistant Legal Advisor E. Neal Bateman III, Georgia State University Senior Vice President for External Affairs Tom Lewis were also in attendance during a segment of the meeting. In accordance with H.B. 278, Section 3 (amending O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4), an affidavit regarding this executive session is on file with the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

At approximately 11:17 a.m., Chair Tarbutton reconvened the committee meeting in its regular session and announced that no action had been taken in executive session.

The Board approved the acquisition of real property discussed in executive session.

14. Information Item: Update of Authorization of the Chair of the Real Estate and Facilities Committee to Approve Amended Rent Amounts

The Vice Chancellor for Facilities, Linda M. Daniels, updated the Committee on the authorization granted by the Board at the October 2008 meeting for the Chair of the Real Estate and Facilities Committee to approve amended rent amount for the Armstrong Student Union project to \$800,000 for the initial term, and to \$1,450,000 for the first renewal term.

15. Disposition of Real Property, Georgia Institute of Genetics

Walk-on: The Board declared up to approximately 3.30 acres of unimproved real property located on the South side of Highway 20 to be no longer advantageously useful to the University System of Georgia (“USG”) but only to the extent and for the purpose of allowing the conveyance of this real property to Bartow County for development of a shared storm water detention facility.

The Board authorized the conveyance of the above-referenced real property to Bartow County, subject to a reversion of the property should the property no longer be used by Bartow County for a shared storm water detention facility.

In June 2008, the Board approved the sale of up to 26 acres of unimproved real property to Bartow County for development of a civic center.

Design of the civic center and further refinement of the land use plan confirms that less than 26 acres

is needed for the civic center if alternatives for separate storm water detention are provided.

Bartow County has agreed to maintain a shared storm water detention facility that would serve the storm water detention needs of the Institute of Genetics real property. This shared facility will enhance the value of the remainder of the Institute of Genetics property and will reduce the need for separate storm water detention facilities for each incremental future potential development.

Consideration for this conveyance is the development, at no cost to the Board of Regents, of a shared storm water detention facility, and the enhanced valuation it will provide to the remaining property.

The committee meeting adjourned at approximately 11:21 a.m.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

In brief remarks, Chancellor Erroll B. Davis, Jr. stated that the System would continue to focus on the Board's strategic agenda and make measured responses to the economy. He noted they will need to reassess and potentially slow some of the System's initiatives, but any short-term changes would still support long-term objectives. Chancellor Davis highlighted several activities being held including Georgia Apply to College week, National Distance Education Week and the upcoming International Education Week. He noted the National Distance Education Week would draw attention to the Georgia ONmyLINE program, and the national recognition that the System's study abroad efforts have received. The Chancellor also mentioned two other System developments, the appointment of Dr. Mark Becker as the president-elect of Georgia State University and the System's enrollment increases. The System's fall 2008 enrollment set another record: 282,978 students, up 4.8 percent from last fall, and its full-time enrollment ("FTE") is up 5.1 percent, to 247,168. A copy of the full report is on file in the Office of Research and Policy Analysis.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved the request of President Timothy S. Mescon that Columbus State University be authorized to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Maxine Schiffman at the university's December 2008 commencement.

The Board authorized Chancellor Erroll B. Davis, Jr. to take any actions necessary to protect the interests of the Board between the June meeting and the scheduled January 2009 meeting on behalf of the Board, with such actions to be ratified by the Board in January.

Regent Kenneth R. Bernard, Jr., who served as a judge advocate general in the U.S. Marine Corps, took an opportunity to salute to all veterans in honor of Veteran's Day.

Chairman Tucker appointed a Regents' Committee to review five possible sites for the shared services center. Those Regents are Regents Elridge W. McMillan, Chair, James R. Jolly, and Allan Vigil.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Secretary to the Board announced that the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for January 13-14, 2009, in Atlanta.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 1:45 p.m. on Monday, November 10, 2008, Chair Richard L. Tucker called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and compensation issues. With motion properly made and variously seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to go into executive session. Those Regents are as listed above. University System of Georgia staff members who were also present for a portion of the meeting included Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr., the Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs, J. Burns Newsome, the Chief Operating Officer, Robert E. Watts, and the Chief Academic Officer & Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Susan Herbst. In accordance with H.B. 278, Section 3 (amending O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4), an affidavit regarding this executive session is on file with the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

At approximately 3:27 p.m., Chair Tucker reconvened the Board meeting in its regular session and announced that no actions were taken during the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Monday, November 10, 2008.

s/_____
J. Burns Newsome
Secretary, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia

s/_____
Richard L. Tucker
Chair, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia