The meeting began at 1:15 pm. Dr. Middleton Middleton from the Board of Regents facilitated. She presented information on four areas: Administration, Budget, Academic Programs and Strategic Planning.

**Administration:** There will be some organizational changes. The Office of International Education has been abolished for budget purposes. The committees for Study Abroad and International Education are now under Dr. Vaughn. Study abroad is under Dr. Middleton. Strategic Planning for Study Abroad will be under Felita Williams.

A copy of the Academic Affairs chart was presented. Rob Watts is the contact person as Chief Operating Officer and he reports directly to the Chancellor.

**Budgets:** The USG has incurred substantial cuts in the budget. The BOR and USG office are considering
several budget reduction and revenue generating strategies. For 2009 original budget, $225 million in cuts are recommended from the House and the Senate. The cuts we incur will also hold true for 2010. There likely will be furlough statements for all faculty and staff USG personnel in next year contracts, but implementation of furloughs likely will be a college-based decision.

Committee members suggested that Dr. Middleton take the following suggestions back to the system office for consideration: (1) discontinuance of the “fixed for 4” tuition plan; and (2) either an increase from 12 to 15 hours for assessment of credit hour payment or an assessment of credit hour payment for each hour taken.

Dr. Middleton stated the supplement fee was in effect for the summer and likely would remain for fall term.

Shared services, for payroll and other accounting services, is going live on July 1.

Linda Noble is the contact for faculty development. Student learning will be the first workshop. There will be more faculty development workshops through the upcoming year. In May we will have a couple of changes regarding classification of faculty – regarding tenure, tenure track, non-tenure track, and adjunct faculty. Contact Linda Noble with your concerns. We have not had any negative comments and no opposition.

**Strategic Plan:** The spreadsheet shows targets and strategic goals, with for example the student advising goal that emanated from a presidential project spearheaded by former President Zaccari. Committee members indicated that there was a copy of this Strategic Plan with “draft” on it months ago. The targets are changing, and the word “draft” is still on the pages because targets are being revised. One of the points was for faculty advising to be part of promotion and tenure. Committee members indicated that the reality is that there are canceled sections, people sick, people on vacation, emergencies. The mock up we were following had courses we were watching. We do not know if the 2 year course will remain. The 2 year course is always changing. Dr. Middleton shared that the strategic plan and various targets was now also on the system office’s website.

Dr. Middleton thanked everyone for sharing proposals on new programs. The feedback provided by the committee is extremely important. We had a preliminary and a formal proposal stage (60 and 90 days) which will be cut back by a month. There will be a letter of intent sent in, and you can make a formal proposal. Periods of time may increase due to clarification. The website will provide information on programs, accreditation, etc. Dr. Middleton will notify you of the new and various proposals. Georgia Highlands has sent a plan to provide a site shared by West Georgia. The website will allow you to provide feedback. Frequent the website for all the various programs being researched.

We have had sessions about mergers. Two are going on currently with 2 year and Tech Colleges. I have been asked to write a paper on colleges merged across the country which will be shared with BOR members and the Chancellor. There is a proposal on the table about Tech school offering a mini core at 30 credits. Several emails have been received – send your emails to Robert.Vaughn@usg.edu. Nothing is approved yet, and a discussion item is on the table with regard to the acceptance of 30 credit hours.

Georgia on My Line will be advertising more offerings. We have a new person in charge of security and a policy is being written. Information Technology: Institutions will be upgraded by fall semester. Dr. Middleton will share emails with Phil Smith.

Dr. Max Burns of North Georgia College and State University was elected Chair of the Advisory Committee on Business Administration, Management and Economics for the 2009-2010 academic year.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.