Great to see such a strong group of leaders from our alumni clubs across the nation. You are Georgia Tech’s ambassadors – the face of GT in your workplaces and in your communities. Help with the important task of keeping our alumni in the loop.

Pleased to have this opportunity to thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of the Institute. Deeply grateful for your faithful participation in Roll Call and the support you provide for designated gift opportunities.

Georgia Tech’s alumni #1 in the nation in level of support to Institute.

Like all states, Georgia in a tight financial situation; must balance budget. GT’s state appropriation now back to the level of Fiscal Year 99 with more cuts to come – 5% this year; another 5% next year. Have already made the easy cuts; decisions will become more difficult over the next 18 months.

Strong support of alumni helping to offset lost state funds.

Many of you participated in Global Leadership Identification Program last year. Results of those conversations made it clear: alumni want more of a relationship with GT than merely sending in a Roll Call check.

We want to respond by pursuing a stronger, more multi-faceted relationship with our alumni to your benefit as well as the Institute’s.

Example: Already have alumni career service program. Global Learning Center here at Tech Square will enable us to take next step and design programs that follow our alumni through their careers with on-campus and distance learning programs – degree, executive, and professional – that meet your educational needs.

Continuing the process of developing richer relationships with our alumni, and hope you will participate as we come and ask you for your help in this process. Planning now for another round of visits with our far-flung alumni clubs next year. Looking forward to visiting with many of you.

As you have a chance to look around campus today, will probably notice many changes since you were here last. Over $500 million worth of construction and renovation opened during past year – 1/6 of campus.

- Technology Square: COM, GLC, Hotel, ATDC, Tech Square Research Bldg, Economic Development Building
- Life Sciences and Technology Complex: Ford ES&T, Whitaker BME
- Campus Rec Center, Whitehead Bldg
- Major renovations: Coon, Student Center annex, Library West Commons, Couch

More to come:
- Klaus Advanced Computing Building
- Undergraduate Learning Center
- Nanotechnology Research Center
• Green spaces and landscaping: Student Center green; Life Sciences and Technology Quad

• Reflect the coming to fruition of several years’ work to reshape our campus for the 21st century
  o Tools for our outstanding students and excellent faculty to achieve their full potential
  o Expression of our intent to define the technological university of 21st century
  o Enhances our image