

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for the April 2018 meeting
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Report presented by Scott Pegan, Chair
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President Morehead, Council Colleagues and Guests:

The Executive Committee of the University Council met on April 4, 2018 in the Peabody Boardroom of the Administration Building. A quorum being present, Chair Scott Pegan called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting was opened with approval of the March meeting's minutes. The committee then moved on to vote to appoint a new chair-elect for the committee. Out of the eligible candidates, only Professor David Shipley volunteered to serve. He was voted in as Chair-elect for 2018-2019 and Chair for the committee in 2019-2020.

The committee then approved a slate of candidates to serve in the vacancies on the Program Review and Assessment Committee (PRAC). Afterwards, the committee moved onto the action items placed before it from the standing committees. Of the four (4) proposals brought forth from the University Curriculum Committee, we heard four (4) and three (3) of those heard were approved. The unapproved item pertained to changes in UGA's Cultural Diversity Requirement. This garnered significant discussion surrounding a possible name change to match the proposed revision's intent, what criteria would be used to judge whether courses met the proposed criteria, and the number of courses available to meet the requirement if adopted at this time.

The committee then entertained a proposal from the Educational Affairs committee pertaining to the Presidential Scholars and Dean's List Policy. The proposed changes surrounded allowing those with reduced loads due to disability accommodations to be eligible for consideration. This was also tied to a general lowering of the per semester credit requirement to 12 while increasing the GPA requirement to 3.7. While the committee felt strongly about allowing those with disability accommodations be eligible, the committee thought the other elements of the proposal needed further development. The proposal was returned to the Educational Affairs Committee.

The committee also entertained a proposal from the Faculty Affairs Committee pertaining to revised guidelines for the Appointment and Promotion of Academic Professions. The committee heard how the proposal was developed with significant input from Academic Professions and voted to approve it for council's consideration. There was also two informational items pertaining to the second reading of the proposals originating from the Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees, that are on the agenda today.

Beyond the proposals from the standing committees and no Old Business, the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia/Piedmont negotiations were discussed under New Business. With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.