Report of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met by Zoom on February 10, 2021 at 3:30 pm.

Following approval of the minutes from the November 4 meeting, the committee approved nine proposals from the University Curriculum Committee, all of which are action items for Council today. The committee next discussed and ultimately approved a resolution from the Human Resources Committee that encourages the UGA administration to continue to do all it can during the upcoming budget cycle to avoid laying off personnel. After concerns were raised about use of the term 'maintain' in the resolution's title, the Chair of the Human Resources Committee agreed to a friendly amendment from the Chair of the Executive Committee for the title be revised to read 'A recommendation to the UGA Administration on employment and compensation during times of crisis.' This resolution is an action item on today's Council agenda. The committee then considered were three proposals from the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees about electronic meetings of Council and standing committees; an addition to the Faculty Conference bylaw; and, a proposal regarding language in the bylaws regarding the UGA representative to the USG Faculty Council. All three proposal were approved and are action items for Council today. The Chair of the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees also reminded everyone that there would be second readings of two other proposals at the Council's next meeting.

The last proposal the Executive Committee considered concerned revisions to the guidelines for the appointment and promotion of Lecturers. This proposal came from the Faculty Affairs Committee. Following a presentation by the committee's chair, a series of questions and answers, and numerous comments from members of the Executive Committee and others, a motion was made and seconded to send the proposed guidelines back to the Faculty Affairs Committee for reconsideration. The motion passed unanimously

The Executive Committee next considered and approved a request from the Provost's office for changing the name of the recently established Center on Human Trafficking Research and Innovation, replacing the word 'Innovation' with 'Outreach.'

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Professor David Shipley, Chair of the Executive Committee