

Since the last meeting of the University Council on September 29th, The University Council Executive Committee met twice: on October 20 and November 17.

During our October meeting, we considered two proposals from the UGA Staff Council (Telework Resolution 28-01 and Telework Resolution 28-02), both of which will be presented to you today for your endorsement and support. After receiving an update on the ongoing SACSCOC accreditation, which you will hear today, Professor Westphelling, UGA's representative to the USG Faculty Council, delivered her report. The meeting was adjourned following updates on the BOR's revisions to the USG-wide Tenure and Post-Tenure Review process, the most significant of which was Provost Hu's announcement of his intention to form a UGA Working Group to tailor the mandated changes in USG policy to UGA's governing documents.

On November 17, the EC considered 10 proposals from the University Curriculum Committee and heard the first reading of two proposals from the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees (to add a new duty for the chair of EC and to revise the Bylaws for the Faculty/Staff Parking Appeals Committee). All of these action items will be put forward to UC this afternoon. We also received the 2020-2021 Academic Honesty Report from the Educational Affairs Committee (an information item on today's UC agenda). Following an update on the integration of BOR Policy Changes into UGA Tenure and Post-Tenure Review Documents from Professor Janette Hill (co-chair of the Working Group), the EC engaged in a lively discussion of the Executive Committee's Description and Duties, most importantly, perhaps, sharing different understandings or interpretations of the Executive Committee's role in forwarding items to the University Council and whether or not voting to forward an item to Council constitutes the Executive Committee's endorsement of the item. The committee agreed that the issue should be sent to the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees for its careful consideration.

That concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,

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