

Executive Committee Report to University Council

September 23, 2010

The executive committee met on September 9, 2010 for its first meeting of the 2010-2011 academic year. A quorum was present and the committee conducted business as follows.

The committee approved two items from the Educational Affairs Committee to be placed on the University Council agenda. The first is requested changes in Spring Commencement dates for 2011 and 2012 and the second is a modification of the pass/fail policy. Eleven items from the Curriculum Committee were also placed on the University Council agenda, with the most significant being the request for a new university requirement for the QEP First Year Odyssey Seminar.

One item was returned to the Human Resources Committee for further consideration.

Several items were referred to the Statutes and Bylaws Committee, including the creation of a policy to specify the UGA representative to the new University System of Georgia Faculty Council and the creation of a policy to govern proxy voting for University Council committees.

As chair of the executive committee, I reminded all committee chairs that Georgia's Open Meeting Policy requires meetings to be properly advertised as part of being "open." Committee chairs were asked to ensure that all meetings are posted to the University master calendar. Anyone with questions about open meeting requirements should contact UGA's Public Affairs office.

Finally, I would like to thank Adrian Childs, our past-chair of the executive committee for being such a great example to me of how this position should be handled. I encourage all faculty to be active participants in university governance and university life. Even with all the budget cuts and increased workload, it is up to us to make this university as great as we all want it to be. I look forward to working with all of you through this year to improve our university.

Respectfully submitted

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