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Thank you, President Morehead.

Good afternoon, fellow members of the University Council.

The University Council Executive Committee met on March 25, 2026, in the Peabody Board Room for its final meeting of the academic year. Chair Derrick Lemons called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., and the minutes from February 25 were approved.

The Committee considered a full slate of action items. From the University Curriculum Committee, we approved proposals to move forward to the April 15 University Council agenda, including a new Minor in Biomedical Regulatory Sciences; a new Minor in Tourism Management and a renaming of the Parks, Recreation, and Tourism minor to Parks Management; several new certificates, including Corporate Communications and Gender and Health; multiple online graduate certificates in regulatory and veterinary pathology areas; a Graduate Certificate in Relational Therapy Practice; termination of two pharmacy residency graduate certificates; approval to offer several existing graduate majors at external campuses; and a proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

From the Faculty Affairs Committee, we advanced revisions to the guidelines for appointment, promotion, and tenure of academic rank faculty, and to the guidelines for appointment and promotion of academic professionals.

From the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees, we moved forward three proposed revisions to the University Council Bylaws related to the Faculty Grievance Committee, the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, and the Strategic Planning Committee for the April 15 agenda. However, the proposal concerning the Faculty Grievance Committee was withdrawn by the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees.

We also received an overview of the UGA Five-Year Strategic Plan final report and held a discussion about potential updates to Executive Committee bylaws to revisit next year. With no old or new business, we adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

As we close out the year, I want to say what an honor it has been to serve as Executive Committee Chair. I am grateful for the collegial spirit and careful work of this committee. I also want to congratulate Susan Sanchez, who will serve as Executive Committee Chair next year, and Brian Seagraves, who will serve as Chair-Elect.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, UC Executive Committee