

Good afternoon and thank you for the chance to speak Dr. Adams.

First, the Athletic Association Board of Directors met yesterday, and the recurring student ticketing issue was voted on. We are incredibly excited about this advancement which will actively and thoughtfully combat the secondary market; allow more students will receive tickets by eliminating the secondary and re-sale markets; reallocating tickets to first and second year students who were not included in the initial sign-up; remove the hassle of waiting in line to receive home tickets; and allow students to more easily sit with friends due to general admission seating

Second, I will be seeing Chancellor Davis tomorrow and attending the Board of Regents meeting on Tuesday. The Student Government Association is in the process of contacting individual Regents and the Governor's office in discussion about the Guaranteed Tuition Plan. We also plan to be very involved in discussion regarding a bill being voted on today in the state legislature about cutting HOPE funding.

Also, the Curriculum Committee will be gathering input on the Plus-Minus Grading System in the case that appropriate modifications need to be made. The student body has strong opinions on this issue with compelling support from our peer and aspirational institutions, and I hope that each of you will have your feedback for the Committee.

Finally, two of my peers from student-run philanthropies have asked me to solicit your involvement in their upcoming events. The annual Dance Marathon is this Saturday from 10 a.m. to Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Classic Center in downtown Athens and benefits the Children's Miracle Network of Atlanta. You are invited to stay the entire time and bring your families. We even have an entire hour of our marathon dedicated to the Faculty at UGA. A second event, Relay for Life benefiting the American Cancer Society, will be held early April. Nearly all members of the UGA community have been affected by cancer in one way or another; please keep your eye out for more information. We would love to have our faculty and staff at both of these events.

Thank you.