Connor McCarthy Student Government Association University Council Report December 4, 2008

Good afternoon, I only have two quick pieces of information today.

The first: I have been asked by ugaMiracle to give a quick announcement asking for the support and endorsement of faculty, staff, and administrators in their annual Dance Marathon, which raises funds benefiting the Children's Miracle Network of Atlanta. The 14th annual Dance Marathon is Feb. 7-8 from 10 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Classic Center in downtown Athens.

SGA supports all of our student organizations, and works to promote their causes when appropriate.

Secondly, and more pertinently: To all the faculty and staff in the room, thank you for the sacrifices you are making and taking for the sake of student education in light of the budget issues. I was at the meeting in Atlanta yesterday, when the costs of your health insurance plans rose. You have been incredibly gracious and graceful in all the cuts you are experiencing, and I want to thank you on behalf of the students in this room and the student body at large. Without you, the University would not be standing.

Thank you.