

March 26th, 2014

President Morehead, Council Colleagues, and Guests,

The Executive Committee of the University Council met on March 6th, 2014 in the Peabody Boardroom of the Administration Building. A quorum being present, the meeting was convened at 3:30pm and the minutes of the previous meeting (February 6th, 2014) were approved as circulated.

The first action item was a proposal from the Faculty Affairs Committee in regard to revisions to the Guidelines for Appointment and Promotion of Research Professors. An extensive discussion occurred regarding the proposed revisions, specifically the first revision calling for a change in the title of UGA non-tenure track research faculty positions from Assistant, Associate, and Senior Research Scientist to Research Assistant Professor, Research Associate Professor, and Research Professor. Several members of the Executive Committee expressed concern over the title change from "scientist" to "professor" and as to whether or not this change was properly appraised by a broad selection of faculty and researchers from across the campus. A motion was then made to send the proposed revisions back to the Faculty Affairs Committee for further consideration. The motion was seconded, a vote was called, and the Executive Committee approved sending the proposal back to the Faculty Affairs Committee.

The second Action Item was the Proposal from the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees about amendments to the University Bylaws. Following a brief discussion, a vote was called, and the proposal was approved to be placed on today's University Council meeting. This constituted the first of two required readings for Bylaws changes.

There was no old business to come before the Committee. As new business, Dr. Jan Hathcote, University Council Secretary and Registrar, informed the Executive Committee that in our April 10 meeting the Committee will elect a new Chair-Elect for the 2014-2015 term as well as confirm new selections to the Program Review and Assessment Committee for the 2014-2016 term.

Also, as an item of new business, I reiterated the need for a Council member to represent the Council on the UGA Retiree Association. And as of today, we are still seeking a nominee for this vacancy.

There being no further new business, the meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Silvia Girardo
Chair, Executive Committee of the University Council