

University Council Executive Committee
Report to Council
February 4, 2010

The Executive Committee met on January 19, 2010. It received several action items from the Curriculum Committee. In discussion, one of these items was withdrawn for further consideration, while the others were placed on the agenda for the full Council. Rodney Mauricio provided an update on the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), a required element of the University's decennial SACS reaccreditation. After a lively discussion, the Committee voted to place Dr. Mauricio's presentation on the full Council agenda as an information item. The meeting closed with updates from the standing committees, including a projection of action items that will be ready for consideration at the March and April Council meetings.

I am pleased to announce two updates on past actions by the Council:

1. In its September 25, 2008, meeting, this Council approved bylaws for a University System of Georgia Faculty Council (USGFC). This is a proposed body that would include representation from the faculty leadership of all 35 system institutions. These bylaws have now been ratified by the governance bodies of 34 of those institutions, with the final ratification expected later this semester. Once that ratification is secured, formal recognition by the Board of Regents will be requested.

2. In our last meeting, on November 5, 2009, this Council approved the creation of an ad hoc Committee on Employee Supervision. This committee has now been formed. Margaret Robinson, a member and former chair of the Executive Committee, has agreed to serve as chair. Dr. Robinson will report to the Council in a future meeting on the committee's progress.

Finally, I wish to draw your attention to an important study that will benefit from your participation. The Southeastern Conference Association of Faculty Leaders (SECAFL) has endorsed the work of Amber Fallucca, a Ph.D. student at the University of South Carolina, who is studying the ways in which faculty governance bodies engage with information relating to intercollegiate athletics. A survey will soon arrive in the inboxes of the members of the governing bodies of all 12 SEC institutions. In exchange for our participation, Ms. Fallucca—who has already secured clearance for the study from the IRB boards of all 12 institutions—has agreed to share her findings with all participating schools. Your assistance in providing a high rate of return from UGA will be most appreciated. There will also be a drawing rewarding one respondent from each school with a Barnes and Noble gift certificate.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrian P. Childs, Chair