

March 16, 2016

President Morehead, Council Colleagues and Guests:

The Executive Committee of the University Council met on March 2, 2016 in the Administration Building's Peabody Board Room. With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.

The minutes of the February 3, 2016 meeting of the Executive Committee were approved.

The committee approved for consideration by University Council eight action items forwarded from the University Curriculum Committee. These are action items for today's (March 16, 2016) meeting of the council.

The committee approved a proposal from the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws and Committees to modify the University Council's Bylaws regarding the membership of the Strategic Planning Committee. This proposal will be on the council's agenda today (March 16, 2016) for a required first reading and vote.

There was no old business for the committee to consider.

During the new business portion of the meeting the committee discussed the availability of minutes from meetings held by the University Council several standing committees. Part II, Section V of the University Council bylaws states that minutes of each committee shall be furnished to the Secretary of the Council who shall make them available to the University community electronically. Currently not all standing committees are submitting minutes of their meetings for electronic distribution. Dr. Hathcote stated, in her role as Secretary to the Council, that the Council's website currently does not have the capability of posting minutes from all standing committees and that a review of the website is underway to allow for this. Dr. Hathcote also stated that when committee chairs provide reports at University Council meetings, such reports often represent their committee's minutes as well; these reports are then posted as part of the Council's minutes. The ensuing discussion included how standing committee minutes could

be made available and what changes in the practice of submitting minutes could occur. It was suggested that minutes should be submitted by committee chairs after they have been vetted and approved by their respective committees and then made available as information items in the Council minutes.

The Executive Committee also discussed the recent passage in one branch of the General Assembly of Georgia House Bills 859 and 792 which deal with carrying firearms and electronic shock weapons on campus. A question was asked whether the Executive Committee could make a statement, or present a motion, at the next meeting of the Council so that faculty could stand in agreement with the Chancellor, the Board of Regents, and President Morehead against the passage of these bills. Some members suggested that since this is a real concern for many faculty members, a statement of solidarity with, or a motion in support of, the Chancellor, the Board of Regents and the President from the Executive Committee should be made. Other members stated that due to issues of timing and the fact that the Chancellor, the Board of Regents and the President had voiced strong opposition to the bills and would continue to do so, such action would not be necessary. Following the discussion, the Executive Committee determined not to pursue any actions in this regard.

The Chair informed committee members that they will be electing the next chair-elect of the Executive Committee at its April 13 meeting. This person will serve as chair-elect during 2016-2017 and will take over as chair of the committee in 2017-2018.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Shipley, Chair, Executive Committee of the University Council