



Academic Council Executive Committee

Date: 02/07/08

Members Present: Mr. Bill Andrews (Chair Elect), Dr. Philip Baker (SOD Representative), Ms. Darra Ballance, (Library Representative), Dr. John Blalock (Parliamentarian), Dr. Richard Callan (Past Chair), Dr. Pam Cook (Secretary-Treasurer), Dr. Barry Goldstein (Provost), Mr. John Hansford (SGA President), Dr. Dave Hill (Chair, Scholarship & Standards), Dr. Lynn Jaffe (Chair, Strategies & Responsibilities), Dr. Ricky Joseph (SAHS Representative), Dr. Dan Rahn (President), Dr. Vincent Robinson (SOM Representative), Dr. Martha Tingen (Chair)

Members Not Present: Dr. Wendy Bollag (SGS Representative), Dr. Janie Heath (SON Representative), Dr. Jack Yu (Chair, Faculty Governance)

Topic	Discussion	Action Needed	Person Responsible/ Timeline
Call to Order	~ Dr. Martha Tingen called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon. All members were welcomed.	None	N/A
Approval of Minutes	~ The January 3, 2008 minutes from the Executive Committee meeting were reviewed. Motion made to approve the minutes, motion seconded, and approved by all present.	None	N/A
	Committee Reports		
	Scholarship and Standards		
Faculty Development Subcommittee	~ Dr. Goldstein noted the proposal has gone to the Board of Regents. Dr. Hill stated the Subcommittee has been planning for the future in hopes the proposal is funded.	Report to Executive Committee when budget feedback obtained from BOR.	Subcommittee Chair
Research Ethics Subcommittee	~ No activity since the last meeting.	None	N/A
Faculty Recognition Subcommittee	~ The Subcommittee met and discussed the process for honoring retirees at the spring faculty meeting. A tiered process for gifts based on length of service is one item being considered.	Subcommittee to choose gifts for tiers.	Dr. Hill All Members 3/15/08
Library Resources Subcommittee	~ The Collection Development Committee met and Dr. Karl Wenger represented Academic Council for Dr. Hill. No feedback on activities.	Feedback on activities next meeting.	Dr. Hill 3/6/08
University Assessment Subcommittee	~ Dr. Goldstein reported a signed memo will be going to the Deans to activate the assessment process. The Subcommittee will be moving forward quickly.	Report to be submitted for next meeting.	Dr. Hill 3/6/08

	Faculty Governance		
FADPT Subcommittee	~ Dr. William Browning, Subcommittee Chair, indicates there is no new report for this Subcommittee.	Report to be submitted for next meeting.	Dr. Yu 3/6/08
Membership, Voting & Nomination Subcommittee	~ Ms. Kathy Davies, Subcommittee Chair, presented the Ballot and Slate of Candidates.	Finalize candidate list for Ballot.	K. Davies 3/6/08
Statutes Review Subcommittee	~ Dr. Barry Hammond, Subcommittee Chair, submitted Bylaw changes regarding restructuring of the Executive Committee membership.	Wording to be changed and re-submitted next meeting.	Dr. Yu 3/6/08
Faculty Evaluation of Administrators Subcommittee	~ The Faculty Evaluation of Administrators Subcommittee is actively reviewing the personnel list. The Subcommittee has a meeting scheduled for 2/7/08 with plans for the ballot to go out thereafter.	Evaluation to be distributed by 2/26/08.	Dr. Yu 2/26/08
	Strategies and Responsibilities		
Faculty Grievance Subcommittee	~ The Subcommittee conducted a grievance hearing.	Recommendations sent to Dr. Goldstein	Dr. Brands Ongoing
Student Affairs Subcommittee	~ No updates.	None	N/A
Faculty, Salary & Benefits Task Force	~ The Subcommittee is still working on a resolution to define Domestic Partnership. UGA, GA Tech and Georgia State have affidavits that define Domestic Partnership but no other legal documents have been found. Dr. Goldstein provided input on how the resolution should be written.	Task Force to define Domestic Partnership and forward formal resolution to EC. To be discussed at next meeting.	Dr. Jaffe 3/6/08
	Student Government Association		
SGA	~ Mr. Hansford reported that the SGA has provided funds from their budget overage account to the SOD and Medical Illustration. Additionally, the SGA has been working with the Alpha Eta Phi service organization to help disburse funds to other worthwhile charities. Alpha Eta Phi is a campus student service organization started by Dr. Kevin Frazier under the Student Affairs Subcommittee.	Update on Alpha Eta Phi applications at next meeting.	Mr. Hansford 3/6/08
	Other Business		
AAUP Chapter Update	~ The committee feels an AAUP Chapter would be a good organization to have at MCG (run separately from Academic Council). However, the Academic Council does not plan to move it forward by June 30, 2008.	None	N/A
Mission Statement	Faculty recommendations were incorporated in the proposed mission statement. A letter and the recommendations will be sent to Dr. Goldstein.	Completed	Dr. Tingen 2/26/08
Exit Survey	Great feedback obtained on the survey. A letter will be sent to Dr. Rahn, Dr. Goldstein, Ms. Susan Norton and Ms. Debra Arnold regarding suggestions. Overall faculty were very pleased.	Completed	Dr. Tingen 2/26/08
HB 815	There were a number of recommendations made. The bill is removing the ORP from under TRS control but, in the same bill, the 4% floor is also being removed which was never mentioned in any of the committee meetings. The current contribution is 8+ and the teacher's retirement is 10+. The bill now states that the ORP will be responsible with an advisory board for setting it up.	Ongoing	Dr. Callan
Spring General	The Spring General Assembly will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2008	Executive Committee	EC Members

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Assembly	at 4:00 pm in the School of Dentistry Auditorium (AD 1020).	members to promote at School level.	Ongoing
Beard Award	Notices have been sent out to the Schools for student nominations for the annual Beard Award.	Each School to send nominations by 3/7/08. EC members to help promote in respective Schools.	EC Members 3/7/08
Diploma Task Force	All the information from the Task Force has been sent to Dr. Rahn and Dr. Goldstein for their consideration. Dr. Tingen thanked Ms. Lori Prince on her leadership of the Task Force and all the members for their participation.	Completed	N/A
Ballot and Slate of Candidates	Ms. Davies, Chair, reported there are still vacancies. Nominations are due by March 1 and results should be determined prior to April 17, 2008.	Ballot to be finalized and presented to Executive Members 3/6/08.	Ms. Davies 3/6/08
USG Faculty Council	Mr. Andrews proposed an Ad Hoc Task Force (consisting of most recent Vice Chairs) be created to look at other university faculty bodies to facilitate communication. Recommendation made to write Dr. Susan Herbst, Executive Vice Chair and Chief Academic Officer.	Ad Hoc Task Force to be developed.	Mr. Andrews 3/6/08
Grievance Policy Change	Dr. Tingen provided a copy of the Grievance Policy to determine where a statement was added about appealing a grievance to the Executive Committee. Please notify the Vice Chair if documentation can be provided for the addition.	Dr. Tingen to contact Dr. Markowitz	Dr. Tingen 3/6/08
Announcements			
Arts Council Awards	Mr. Andrews thanked Dr. Rahn for his assistance in helping to settle the Faculty Students Art Council awards from 2007.	Completed	N/A
Minority Enrollment	Dr. Hill wanted to recognize Dr. Roman Cibirka in his effort to reach out to students at C. T. Walker, a local elementary magnet school, to duplicate some of the efforts of A. R. Johnson. This past week was the first actual interaction where faculty and students from MCG facilitated their Science Fair by helping students understand the scientific process and review their projects with them.	Completed	N/A
Next Executive Committee Meeting	~ Thursday, 03/06/08	Agenda items to Dr. Tingen	All members 02/27/08
Adjourn	~ The meeting was adjourned 1:00 p.m.		

Submitted by: Ms. Nancy Waks, Academic Council Recording Secretary, and Dr. Pam Cook, Academic Council Secretary-Treasurer