



**MCG Academic Council Executive Committee**

**Date:** 12/04/08

**Members Present:** Mr. Bill Andrews (Chair), Dr. Philip Baker (Secretary-Treasurer), Ms. Darra Ballance, (Library Representative), Dr. Pam Cook (Chair Elect), Dr. Barry Goldstein (Provost), Dr. Barry Hammond (Faculty Governance & SOD Representative), Dr. Janie Heath (SON Representative), Dr. Dave Hill (Chair, Scholarship & Standards), Dr. Lynn Jaffe (Chair, Strategies & Responsibilities), Ms. Lori Prince (SAHS Representative), Dr. Dan Rahn (President), Dr. Vincent Robinson (SOM Representative), Dr. Martha Tingen (Past Chair)

**Members Not Present:** Dr. John Blalock (Parliamentarian), Dr. Wendy Bollag (SGS Representative), Ms. Kim Rathbun (SGA President),

Topic	Discussion	Action Needed	Person Responsible/ Timeline
Call to Order	~ Mr. Bill Andrews called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. All members were welcomed.	None	N/A
Approval of Minutes	~ The minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on November 6, 2008 were reviewed. Motion made to approve the minutes, motion seconded, and approved by all present.	None	N/A
Budget Proposal	~ Dr. Baker presented committee members with a budget proposal to be submitted to Dr. Rahn and Dr. Goldstein for the University Faculty Senate's FY 2010 budget.	Schedule meeting with Dr. Rahn & Dr. Goldstein	Dr. Baker & Mr. Andrews
President's Cabinet Update	~ During a called cabinet meeting, President Rahn provided brief updates regarding budget tightening. Mr. Bill Bowes reported that the state charitable contributions met their target of 50% participation. An update was provided regarding actions by the old MCG Foundation. Mr. Bryan Ginn provided an update regarding the Georgia Health Sciences University Foundation. Written notification of attaining 501c3 status has been received from the IRS. Information about the new GHSU Foundation funding initiatives will be sent out soon. President Rahn announced realignment of the senior administrative positions. Dr. Curt Steinhart will be leaving MCG for a position at the University of Oklahoma.	None	N/A
Forum for the Future Update	~ Dr. Cook stated that Part 2 went well. There were 60-70 participants for both part1 and part 2 of the two forums. With part 2 we were able to do WIMBA, with 8-10 faculty not located in Augusta participating. The next Forum is being looked at for January or February, 2009 regarding multigenerational learners and are currently in the process of confirming	Finalize plans for next Forum for the Future	Dr. Cook 1

	our speaker and date. We will be looking at Friday lunch time versus Thursday lunch to try to capture more people who won't be doing clinical work. Any ideas regarding alternate dates will be appreciated. Dr. Cook is exploring the possibility of CEU's and CME's being offered for attending the forums which might allow greater participation.		
<b>Committee Reports</b>			
<b>Scholarship and Standards</b>			
Faculty Development Subcommittee	~ The subcommittee is meeting the first week of December to discuss UFS's role in faculty orientation.	None	N/A
Research Ethics Subcommittee	~ There has been no activity over the last three months.	None	N/A
Faculty Recognition Task Force	~ There are no new activities to report at this time.	None	N/A
Library Resources Subcommittee	~ This subcommittee met on 11/14 with the Library Collections Development Steering Committee. The Library is looking at ways to optimize the collections in a more costly environment with no increase in budget. The Library is looking at ways to enhance student curriculum and Library interactions and ways to increase faculty awareness of underutilized resources.	None	N/A
University Assessment Subcommittee	~ This subcommittee is now fully populated and will be meeting with Chair Roman Cibirka shortly.	None	N/A
<b>Faculty Governance</b>			
Faculty Appointment, Promotion, Tenure, and Post-Tenure Subcommittee	~ Alison Lauber (SOM) was elected as chair. There are no new activities to report at this time.	None	N/A
Membership, Voting & Nomination Subcommittee	~ Jaspal Gujral (SOM) was elected chair. There are no new activities to report at this time.	None	N/A
Statutes Review Subcommittee	~ The subcommittee members are continuing their work towards revision of the MCG statutes in preparation for the SACS accreditation. They are in the final draft revision stages.	Finalize draft to present to Provost for review.	SRS members Ongoing
Faculty Evaluation of Administrators Subcommittee	~ Lindsay Blake (LIB) was elected chair. There are no new activities to report at this time.	None	N/A
<b>Strategies and Responsibilities</b>			
Faculty Grievance Subcommittee	~ There have been no grievances this semester.	None	N/A
Student Affairs Subcommittee	~ There are no new activities to report at this time.	None	N/A
Faculty, Salary & Benefits Task Force	~ Chancellor Davis sent a reply (dated 11/10/08) to the letter of support sent by President Rahn regarding domestic partner benefits. He acknowledged receipt of the communication and conveyed he would take it into consideration.	None	N/A
Strategic Initiative Activities	~ A task force is being formed to address faculty concerns regarding a potential one-time conversion from the ORP to TRS.	None	N/A

<b>Student Government Association</b>			
SGA	~ There are no new activities to report at this time.	None	N/A
<b>New Business</b>			
Charges to Nominating Subcommittee	~ Mr. Andrews and Dr. Barry Hammond will be working on charges for the nominating committee in the next week or so. They welcome any suggestions for referrals and/or self-nomination for Vice Chair Elect, positions for University Faculty Senate and in our subcommittees.		
Agenda for UFS on 12/11/08	~ Dr. Rahn will speak on recent institutional budget issues and administrative realignment. Ms. Susan Norton will also be invited to talk about recent changes in the health insurance coverage		
<b>Old Business</b>			
Status of AC Reps	~ All but two of the three year vacancies in representatives for the School of Medicine for University Faculty Senate memberships have been filled. There are a few shorter term vacancies that will also need to be filled.		
<b>Announcements</b>			
Next Executive Committee Meeting	~ The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 1/8/09.		
Adjourn	~ The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.		

**Submitted by:** Ms. Nancy Waks, Academic Council Recording Secretary and Dr. Phil Baker, Academic Council Secretary-Treasurer