UNIVERSITY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 13, 2004


The minutes of the meeting of August 20, 2004 were approved.

The items of business from the Committee on Admissions and Standards were acted upon.
1. Motion to revise the definition of good standing was approved with a friendly amendment which adds “academic” to the phrase “in good standing.”
2. Motion to revise the “I” (Incomplete) grade policy was approved.
3. Motion to revise the Regents’ test rules for nonnative speakers of English was approved.

From the Committee on Statutes and Bylaws the following were considered.
1. Motion to change the name of the Library was approved. The name will be the University Library.
2. Motion to change the name of the Staff Council was approved. The organization was formerly the Staff Advisory Council.
3. Motion to add “institute” to the University Statutes was approved.

One item of business from The Committee on Student Life and Development was considered.
1. Motion to revise the student Discrimination and Harassment Policy and other sections of the Student Code of Conduct was approved.

Provost Henry noted that President Patton was out of town unexpectedly. He reported on the status of the FY2005 budget and the budget cuts which were reduced from $68.7M to 64.8M and discussed possible solutions being considered by the Regents. These include funds not needed by the University of Georgia for matching, and reducing the health insurance reserves. Georgia State’s shortfall from state appropriations this year is $3.1M. He also reported that a tuition Task Force is looking at possible ways to change tuition in the future. Jerry Rackliffe and Bill Fritz are on the system committee. This Task Force is to make recommendations to the Chancellor sometime in January or February. The program reviews on campus will continue as before. The Deans’ Council will say which are to be reviewed this year. There will be a Town Hall Meeting on October 26 at 9:00 in the Student Center Ballroom. The next meeting of the Executive Committee is December 1, and the Senate meets on December 9.

Submitted by,

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