UNIVERSITY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 1, 2004

Present: President Carl Patton, Paul Alberto, Dean Dabney, Provost Ron Henry, Charles Marvin, George Pullman, Debbie Rupp and Carol Winkler.

The minutes of the meeting of October 13, 2004 were approved.

President Patton reported that he has met with the colleges and some other divisions around the university about the budget. He will go on a trip to south Georgia this month to meet with a few legislators and Regents. The state budget focus now seems to be on prisons and K-12. The College of Law is hosting a lunch for Glenn Richardson who is a Georgia State University graduate and the new Speaker of the House. The ceremonial groundbreaking for the Piedmont-Ellis project will be held while students are still here in the spring semester, with the actual work to begin in August. Work continues on selling the Village. Two groups will look at it soon, and it will also be offered to Georgia Tech. The Regents have approved the sale. A meeting will be held soon with a potential donor for the Science Park. The Regional Biocontainment Lab proposal is being developed. Provost Henry commented that the Strategic Plan is on track. Three groups are looking at the draft of the narrative, and it then goes to a subcommittee to look at action plans for the future. It next goes to Planning and Development, then to the Executive Committee and finally to the Senate.

The items of business from the Committee on Admissions and Standards were considered.
1. Motion to amend the calculation of transfer GPA’s was discussed and, since there are questions, it will go back to committee.
2. Motion to require Dean’s Office approval for adds or drops after the midpoint was approved.
3. Motion to revise the Regents’ Test Policy was approved.

From the Committee on Faculty Affairs, the topic of donated leave to a common fund was discussed. This would be for use for catastrophic need, and one would be eligible only if hours had been donated. Human Resources must have the opportunity to study this possibility and see how it could be implemented. Most places allow one to opt in to begin, and also to opt out to end participation. This will be sent back to committee, but the Executive Committee endorses the idea of such a program. Also discussed from Faculty Affairs, the recommendation changing the method of processing for senior administrator evaluations to the eListen process of on-line evaluation. This was approved.

The next meetings of the Executive Committee will be January 19th - 1:30 p.m. and February 8th - 2:00 p.m., and the Senate meets on February 17th at 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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