

President's report

January 13, 2014

Faculty Senate

- Happy New Year!!
- First Day of the meeting of the Georgia General Assembly. The passage of a balanced budget is the sole constitutional obligation of the Legislature. It is charted to be a brief session (recent judicial decisions required earlier dates for state primaries, and thus some urgency for the general assembly to complete their work on a timely basis) We will communicate with the senate as issues come to our attention
- Board of Regents Meeting, January 8, 2014. You may have read in the Atlanta Journal Constitution reports of three issues that were discussed during that meeting: review of out of state tuition waivers; smoke and tobacco free campuses; reforms of teacher preparation program admissions and evaluations. Links to press releases for the teacher education reforms are found at http://www.usg.edu/news/release/georgia_teacher_preparation_effort_will_stress_high_teacher_quality Links for the other discussions can be found at http://www.usg.edu/regents/documents/board_meetings/agenda_2014_01.pdf The tuition policy discussions begins at page 9 (campuses will be asked to comment on this proposal— board members and the chancellor expressed support for current uses of waivers with improved documentation of processes) The smoke and tobacco free campus policy request begins at page 51. Please share reactions with me to assist in our responses.
- The Planning and Budget Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet later this month, as a preview to a later open campus meeting. By that time, we will have a clearer perspective on actions by the governor and the general assembly on budget issues.
- Thanks for your continued service to the campus
- Questions?