

Report from Faculty Council Meeting March 1, 2014

Both Chancellor Hank Huckaby and Chief Academic Officer, Houston Davis came to speak at our meeting at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville.

Early parts of their presentation were on the salary increase and budget requests that were sent to the legislature. The President has kept us up to date on these issues and what we know is in the President's Report.

BOR Budget priorities:

1. Maintenance and renovation of existing buildings rather than constructing new buildings.
2. More efficient use of current building facilities.
3. Restoring and updating the Galileo Program. The BOR asked for \$5 million and got \$2.5 million

Enrollment management:

1. Complete College Georgia (CCG): BOR wants schools to reach out to the 1.2 million Georgians who have post secondary credit.
2. Enrollment Management was the focus in the institutional budget meetings. The BOR is looking at how we handle recruiting, orientation, registration, and advising. Chancellor Huckaby emphasized that each student is precious and we need to focus on their success. He also discussed the problems with institutions not keeping track of students who take Pell grants and do not attend class.

Opt in from ORP to TRS bill: The Chancellor feels that much political capital was expended on this bill and they will reassess whether to push for this again.

Under-enrolled programs: The Chancellor is examining the productivity of programs, i.e. the number of majors (over 5 years) and graduates. They will examine the productivity of programs in terms of service to the university and the costs incurred to have majors. Those low producing programs will go through a post monitoring phase. Production of programs will be examined every year.

Benefits

1. Healthcare costs and plans: they sent out for new bids and BCBS was the only one that responded.
2. 12 month pay option—they are looking at offering this to 10 month faculty.
3. ADP—they are optimistic that they will be moving from ADP.
4. They are examining voluntary benefits and offering a cafeteria plan of benefits.

Affordable classes and class materials

1. They are working with 5 or 6 of the largest state systems to see if they can leverage lower prices for class materials.
2. One of the innovation grants from UGA used open source biology textbooks and they are looking to push expansion in the use of open source materials to help cut student's costs
3. They will be dropping the price of eCore courses and these courses will be visible in everyone's Banner. The BOR is interested not in institutions but reducing costs to students.
4. They are also pushing more flexible paths to credits and new models of delivering content to students: the MOOC debate.

Credit Hour production