

## President's Report

Faculty Senate

April 2, 2012

- End of the session, Georgia General Assembly. A summary of major actions can be found in yesterday's Atlanta Journal Constitution. <http://www.ajc.com/news/georgia-government/what-survived-what-sank-1403249.html> In addition to the passage of the budget (the one act constitutionally required), several other actions taken or not taken had implications for CSU. The science building project was introduced in the Georgia Senate, but did not become part of the budget after the house/senate conference report. We have reason to be optimistic that the project will be part of next year's regent's request. Gun legislation was not changed to allow for campus concealed weapons. The limits for the Georgia Higher Education Finance Authority were increased, and thus provide an opportunity to consider possible projects such as an on-campus parking structure. The tone of discussions about higher education this year has been considerably more positive relative to last year.
- The Planning and Budget advisory committee met last Friday, and heard presentations from division heads/vice presidents. The complete list of new funding requests will be posted later today or tomorrow at a link I will share at the time of posting. We will not know precisely when the Board of Regents will approve the system budget (which will include fee and tuition decisions, as well as allocation to institutions). Given we must submit to the Board office budget information by the end of April, we should receive this information relatively soon.
- The first two on campus candidates for Vice President for External Relations visited last week—the next two candidates will be visiting next week, and the committee will soon make recommendations of acceptable candidates.
- As the semester come to a close, I hope to host a reception to thank you for your contributions this year.
- Questions?