

President's Report

Faculty Senate

03/23/14

- **SACS Reaffirmation Visit March 24-March 27, 2014** The visiting committee began to arrive last night—subset of the team visiting the Peachtree City Center today, and will be on campus here tomorrow, leaving Thursday morning after a general session with our administrative council. The committee will focus on two items—compliance with the principles, and evaluating the acceptability of our QEP—Partnering Academics with Community Engagement (PACE)--Thanks to those who have worked so hard to date on this process, especially Jill Lane and Antoinette Miller, whose leadership has been exceptional. Thanks in advance if you are asked to participate in interviews with the visiting committee.
- **Completion of the Legislative Session** The governor is still required to sign, veto or implicitly approve by leaving alone for 40 days the action of the legislature and thus allow the bill to pass. Since the Governor initially included the equipment budget for the New Science Building as well as the regents budget, including dollars for the Archives and for approximately a 1% raise for university employees (actual funds appear to be about .71%), Instructions for how these dollars can be distributed are likely to be shared with us soon. At that same time, we will have a better idea of our own allocations for distribution (in consultation with the Planning. and Budget Advisory Committee As you might know, campus gun carry legislation was not approved by the general assembly.
- **Interim Provost Appointment** Once we have passed the SACS visit, it is our intention to appoint an interim provost from current colleagues. Shortly thereafter we will select a search committee that will begin processes for the appointment of our next permanent provost by March, 2015.
- **Thanks**
- **Questions**