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**Senate Executive Committee  
Minutes  
Monday, April 19, 2010**

- 1) Executive Committee is looking for an appropriate faculty member to appoint to the Emergency Management Program Committee.
- 2) The committee considered the Buildings & Grounds Draft Resolution on furnishings in instructional spaces that is part of the May 3 Senate Agenda.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

The University's mission is achieving learning outcomes through innovative, high quality programs for all students: undergraduate, graduate and professional. To deliver a high quality program requires a high quality learning environment consisting of aesthetically appealing furniture in a good state of repair. The quality of furnishings in instructional spaces should not be tied to a specific academic or administrative unit that manages said spaces. The overall goal will be to maintain a uniform quality of furnishings in all instructional spaces at Wright State University.

To this end, the Senate recommends the University develop policies and procedures by which

- A. basic furniture in all instructional areas is examined on a regular basis
- B. a department or academic unit can request the evaluation of furniture in an instructional area
- C. when an evaluation determines furniture does not meet University standards, a schedule for replacement is developed using the classroom upgrade funds annually set aside in the capital plan

In addition, Senate recognizes the critical importance of maintaining the quality of informal learning spaces such as lobbies and student study lounges that encourage student interaction and alternative learning experiences. Therefore, the Senate recommends the University develop policies and procedures for departments and colleges to request reviews of furnishings in public informal learning spaces, and when the review finds the furniture in need of replacement to schedule upgrades from funds set aside in the capital plan.

- 3) The Senate Executive Committee reviewed the Ad hoc Independent Study Committee Recommendations.
- 4) An update was given on the budget by Tom Sudkamp, Chair, Faculty Budget Priority Committee. The committee discussed the SSI extensively and has asked Keith Ralston to address the current SSI situation as a special report at the May 3 Senate meeting.
- 5) The committee approved the Agenda for the May 3 Senate meeting.