Eller targets U. Georgia dean for UA

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The Eller College of Management has targeted the University of Georgia business dean as a likely successor in its search for a new dean.

George Benson has been the dean of the Terry College of Business at the University of Georgia in Athens since 1998.

The Eller College held a question-and-answer forum with Benson yesterday in which faculty, students, and any other interested parties could participate. Approximately 30 individuals, mostly faculty members, attended the event.

Benson explained that he is looking for a business program that can move into the top 10 business programs in the country, and that Georgia is an unlikely candidate for such advancement.

"I'm trying to identify what it would take for Eller College to make that move," Benson said.

Benson said that above all else, the most important motivation for him to come to UA is that Eller College was his faculty's research abilities.

The Eller College has a reputation of constantly keeping themselves on the "cutting edge" of information, Benson said.

"If you are in a good research field, you have a higher probability of being a great teacher," Benson said.

Because they stay on the "cutting edge" of information, the faculty is able to bring in a large amount of funding from the federal government for research.

Another driving force in Benson's consideration of UA is the opportunity to expand the Eller College into areas of Phoenix.

This is an important advancement opportunity because Phoenix is a larger city with more businesses, which, in turn, creates more opportunities to expand the Eller College and draw more revenue.

To start, the Eller College would hold a speaker series in Phoenix to help them in the idea of creating a campus there and, then follow up with advertising in places such as newspapers, television, and billboards, Benson suggested.

Benson's ideas of expansion in Phoenix parallel a similar expansion he took part in at the University of Georgia.

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SafeRide expands services

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As ASUA SafeRide embarks on another year, program officials say they plan to expand the service through community outreach.

Joshua Wright, director of Associated Students of the University of Arizona's SafeRide, said a main objective for the upcoming year is to establish SafeRide in not only "nighttime car service," but also as an advocacy program for campus safety.

SafeRide, a free 24/7 safety service for UA students, operates Sunday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Students who do not feel comfortable walking alone can call for a "safety ride." SafeRide picks up students as far north as East Grant Road and as far south as East Broadway Boulevard. The east-west boundaries for SafeRide are North Tucson Boulevard and North Fourth Avenue.

SafeRide has already given approximately 200 rides this year.

"We can do a lot more with the resources we have," said Wright, a psychology senior. "We could make this amazing."

Although plans are in the preliminary stages, Wright hopes SafeRide will co-sponsor a Campus Safety Fair with other organizations, including the Women's Resource Center, the Campus Acupuncture Rape Educators, the Oasis Center, UPD and the Southern Arizona Center for Sexual Assault.

"The purpose of the fair would be to educate students on how to keep themselves safe," Wright said. "The large-scale programming is intended to target all university students, not just those who utilize SafeRide."

"We want to make the community safer — that's the whole point," said Mattis Dvir, an undeclared sophomore and SafeRide supervisor.

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Student wants classmates to vote

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A UA student is reaching out to classmates in hopes of getting as many as possible to help him increase voter participation among students.

Cola Adamson, an economics senior, said he is dismayed by the low national average of students taking part in the electoral process.

This dismal turnout was the primary reason Adamson founded the Arizona Voter Coalition, he said.

The coalition aims to increase the student vote, by encouraging all of the clubs on campus to work together in this effort.

"Our main focus is to educate (students) and get them to vote," Adamson said.

To start the coalition, Adamson said he e-mailed all of the clubs on last year's Associated Students of the University of Arizona club list, which he estimated to be about 500.

"It will be a lot of clubs already want to get the vote out," Adamson said.

"We want to target more students, get more of a response by reaching out to all clubs." Adamson added he has received e-mails from some clubs, confirming they would attend the meeting.

The first meeting of the coalition will be tonight at 7 in the President Room of the Student Union Memorial Center. The meeting will focus on planning future events to get students excited about the upcoming election.

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ASUA tries to make leaders accountable with new contract

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In an effort to increase productivity within Associated Students of the University of Arizona this year, student government executives developed an "Accountability Contract," which was signed by members of all three branches of ASUA.

"It encourages everyone to do their job to the greatest potential," said Alistair Chapman, president of the student body.

The contract, which applies to senators, the president's cabinet, programs and services, as well as the three student executive, requires that students turn in biweekly.