

East Georgia State College Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2015

9:00 a.m. in EGSC Conference Room, Statesboro

1. Type of meeting: Regular meeting
2. Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Walt Mason, President
3. Call to order (9:02 a.m.)
4. Roll call Blackburn, Brasher, Derr, Marsh, Mason, Norton and Simmons
5. Greeting of Visitors – Dr. Robert Boehmer, President of EGSC
6. Approval of minutes from November 21, 2014, meeting and Adoption of Agenda
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Development of fall 2015 election of faculty members to standing committees – Bob Marsh (committee members Amelia Simmons, Tom Caiazzo) Proposal will be ready for the March meeting regarding changes to the elections to make it more fair for the smaller divisions and the smaller campus, and to remove the “show of hands” voting.
8. Unfinished Business
9. Open Issues
10. New Business
 - a. Discussion with President Boehmer
 - i. Consolidation of institutions - GPC and GSU
 - ii. Enrollment - Fall was 2% up due to increases in Augusta. Spring numbers in Statesboro are bad and may pull the aggregate downward.
 - iii. Private fundraising - 1M increased to 2.25M in foundational budget, Morgan house in Swainsboro is now under the auspices of foundation.
 - iv. Budget - FY16 budget looks positive because state revenue is up 5% and reserve funding is at pre-downturn levels. Boehmer is optimistic about increase in funding over FY15 and will hopefully include a salary bump.

- v. Facilities - Minor capital improvement is before the legislature for 5M addition to the academic building in Swainsboro; Construction on new residence hall is ready to go, may start immediately and another may be on the way; Developers have made a monetary commitment for the next 65 years
 - vi. New Programs - Fire Science program is live Fall 2015; Boehmer wants ideas for new programs but he wants us to think outside the box
 - vii. SACS - Visit in March for Augusta program, will visit twice for Fire Science program and for the 5 year interim review in 2016; awareness of mission and reports are critical; faculty must understand that Sacs doesn't evaluate institutions according to objective goals; institutions must make the case for their success according to SACS principles. [Simmons exits meeting - Brasher assumes secretarial responsibility]
 - 1. Derr and Homer volunteered to draft a statement encouraging faculty to create at least one assessment report per semester in order to help the college meet SACS requirements for Institutional Effectiveness and to support the college's QEP.
 - 2. Dr. Boehmer expressed his willingness to speak to faculty about learning assessment and its relevance to reaccreditation.
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- b. MSA to approve memos that coaches will use to inform faculty of athletic event schedules that may affect class attendance and to seek academic performance information for student-athletes. Mason, who presented the memos, agreed to recommend that they be sent to faculty both electronically and in hard-copy.
 - c. MSA to schedule FS meetings for first Fridays, with open session beginning at 12:30, official meeting at 1:00, and alternating between Statesboro and Swainsboro campuses. The dates approved were 6 February (Swainsboro), 6 March (Statesboro), 3 April (Swainsboro), and 1 May (Statesboro).

11. MSA to adjourn.