

# East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

## Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2016

2:00 pm, Social Science Conference Room, Swainsboro Campus

Type of meeting: Regular meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Walt Mason, President

- I. Call to order: 2:00 p.m.
- II. Roll call: Dr. Mason, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Blackburn, Dr. Derr, Mr. Blount, and Ms. Todd
- III. Greeting of Visitors – Sherrie Helms arrived at 3 pm.
- IV. Approval of minutes from February, 2016 meeting and Adoption of Agenda: A motion was made to approve the February minutes; it was seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- V. Old Business
  - a. On February 29, 2016, the Faculty Senate voted to approve the RN-BSN curriculum in Nursing. This decision was made via email with the consent of the committee.
- VI. Committee Reports
  - a. Academic Freedom – April 1<sup>st</sup>- Dr. Derr, Dr. Pitman & Dr. Boudreaux will meet with Dr. Boehmer.
  - b. Committee on grade changes – Mr. Blackburn discussed that the Vice President of Academic Affairs has the authority to change grades; he has the final decision since it falls under his purview. There was a recommendation to come up with a grade change form that VPAA can fill out when he changes a grade; this form will be sent to the professor whose student’s grade was changed.
- VII. Unfinished Business
  - a. AAMI – Ms. Elizabeth Gilmer was not present. A motion was made to invite a representative of AAMI to the April meeting to discuss the AAMI and its

proposal. This was the third invitation. The Faculty Senate will return the proposal.

VIII. Open Issues

IX. New Business (Order of New Business is subject to change)

a. VPAA material (see list provided by e-mail) – Dr. Goodman

- i. Learning Support- A motion to approve was made; it was seconded, and approved.
- ii. Change to Area D: A motion to approve was made and seconded. There was a call for discussion concerning math/science student distribution/overload. There was a call to question, and the proposal was approved.
- iii. Teacher education: There was a motion to approve and a 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was a call for discussion concerning who will track and approve the graduates. There was a call to question, and the proposal was approved.
- iv. Business- There was a motion to approve and a 2<sup>nd</sup>; it was approved.
- v. Area F in Psy Change- There was a motion to approve and a 2<sup>nd</sup>; there was a call for discussion concerning an explanation for the change (needed the change in order to propose the A.A in Psy). There was a call to question, and it was approved.
- vi. A.A. in Psy- There was a motion to approve and a 2<sup>nd</sup>; there was a call for discussion. There was a call to question. The proposal was approved pending the addition of SPAN 1002 Elementary Spanish II to Guided Electives.
- vii. Pols 2101- There was a motion to approve and a 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was a call for discussion concerning the topics and calendar. There was a call to question. There was a motion to approve pending revision. The topics and calendar need to be more fully developed, and the major topics need to be rewritten (Roman Numeral 16).
- viii. Change in Area F Political Science- There was a motion to approve and a 2<sup>nd</sup>; it was approved.

- ix. AA political science- There was a motion to approve and a 2<sup>nd</sup>; it was approved.
- x. Change in Area F in History- There was a motion to approve and a 2<sup>nd</sup>; it was approved.
- xi. AA in History- There was a motion to approve and a 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was a call for discussion. There was a call to question. There was a motion to approve with the recommendation of the addition of either economics, global issues, and/or upper level literature course (ENGL 2111, ENGL 2112) in the Guided Electives Area.
- xii. Add Soci 2000- There was a motion to approve and a 2<sup>nd</sup>; there was a call for discussion concerning the mathematical background of the students enrolled in this course. There was a call to question. There was a motion to approve pending contact to a Statistics professor about concepts covered in the course in order to ensure students were prepared for the content (i.e. Students will have the background necessary for course requirements and methods taught in class).
- xiii. Change in Area F in Sociology- There was a motion to approve and a 2<sup>nd</sup>; it was approved.
- xiv. AA in Sociology- There was a motion to approve and a 2<sup>nd</sup>; it was approved.
- xv. Criminal Justice- There was a motion to approve and a 2<sup>nd</sup>; a motion to approve pending that a Statistics professor is contacted in order to ensure that students have the background necessary for the course requirements.
- xvi. Area F Criminal Justice- There was a motion to approve and a 2<sup>nd</sup>; it was approved.
- xvii. AA Criminal Justice- There was a motion to approve and a 2<sup>nd</sup>; it was approved.
- xviii. AS Exercise and Health Science- There was a motion to approve and a 2<sup>nd</sup>; it was approved.
- xix. Recreation 1530 Course Proposal- There was a motion to approve all 3 courses; there was a 2<sup>nd</sup>, and it was approved.

- xx. Area F in Recreation and Leisure Services- There was a motion to approve and a 2<sup>nd</sup>; it was approved.
  - xxi. AS in Recreation and Leisure Services- There was a motion to approve and a 2<sup>nd</sup>; it was approved.
  - xxii. Correll Scholars Program- There was a motion to approve and a 2<sup>nd</sup>; it was approved.
  - xxiii. POL 2201- There was a motion to approve and a 2<sup>nd</sup>; it was approved.
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- b. Service Seal of Distinction Committee – There was a motion to approve and a 2<sup>nd</sup>; it was approved.
  - c. Faculty Safety concern – (Guest – Sherrie Helms- arrived at 3 pm)- Ms. Todd addressed the issue concerning false accusations against professors that a faculty member brought to her attention. She asked Ms. Helms about how this incident was being handled and what we as faculty can do to protect ourselves. Ms. Helms encouraged the faculty to document any instances, to immediately contact our campus police, and to contact her. Ms. Helms discussed disorderly conduct, failure to comply, and the student conduct code. She also discussed crimes such as DUI, shop lifting, and threats; she stressed that students cannot be suspended without posing an imminent threat.
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- X. Adjournment: There was a reminder concerning the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting at 2 pm in Statesboro; the Campus Police Chief will be invited to discuss faculty concerns regarding safety and video surveillance. There was a motion to adjourn, and it was approved at 3:42 pm.

## **Time Line for the Election of Fall**

### **Faculty Senate Senators**

The election of new senators for the Faculty Senate shall be conducted in the spring of each year. These new members will assume office in August, but are invited to attend meetings once elected to their position. The senators shall be elected as follows: on even years – Schools of Social Science and

Math/Science; on odd years – School of Humanities and the At-Large member. Below is a suggested time-line.

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| March 15    | Senate President contact Deans of Social Science & Math/Science Schools requesting they send emails to their divisions asking for nominations to the Senate – last day for nominations is March 30.                           |
| March 23    | Senate President remind Deans to send reminders about nominations from their schools to the Senate  |
| March 30/31 | Nominations end and Deans of each School will publish a list of eligible nominees (2 from each School) and decide the easiest way to elect the 2 nominees.  |
| April 14-15 | The election of nominees ends and the 2 nominees with the greater number of votes wins the election. The Dean of the School will inform the Faculty Senate and the Senate will announce the 2 representatives for the School. |

**At-Large Member**

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| March 15 | Senate President will send out a notification all faculty members in all Schools requesting nominations for this position. |
| March 23 | Senate President will send out a reminder  |
| March 30 | Senate President will send out a list of eligible nominees for election  |
| April 8  | Election of Senator At-Large   |
| April 22 | Last day to elect Senator At-Large   |