

# East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

## Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2021

10 a.m. Meeting being Zoomed to all Faculty Senate members

### **Addendum 1. Email discussions concerning APCC proposals, Standing Committees proposal, Fall Senate Meeting Schedule and election of members to committees.**

Type of meeting: Regular Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Laura Chambers, President

- I. Open Pre-meeting discussion
- II. Call to order (10 a.m.) – regular meeting – first meeting of 2020-21 academic year
- III. Roll call –

Present: Laura Chambers (President), Armond Boudreaux, Deborah Lee, Darlene Dickens, and John Gleissner (Secretary)

Sue Bragg, Breana Simmons absent.

Parliamentarian position is temporarily vacated till vote at September meeting.

Having 5 of 7 members present this represents a quorum and normal business may take place.

IV. Greeting of Visitors – Dr. Sharman, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.

V. Approval of minutes from May meeting and Adoption of Agenda

Reading was waived by the President and approved by majority vote (5 in favor, 2 absent).

VI. Committee Reports – APCC (Chambers)

During the summer, several APCC proposals were discussed through email. The results and discussion are listed at the end of these minutes.

VII. Open Issues

Dr. Sharman was recognized and offered her comments on the latest developments of the changes for EGSC. A question-and-answer period took place.

Senator Boudreaux asked about Dr. Sharman’s opinion of EGSC’s position in the University System of Georgia (USG).

Dr. Sharman responded that she was very confident that EGSC will retain its position as a preparatory, open access, 2-year college. Its focus will remain preparing those students wanting to gain access to college and eventually seeking undergraduate degrees (Associate Level). She responded that the school had the strong support of the legislature. She mentioned the EGSC was carrying zero debt (real estate) and with the modifications planned over the next 5 years was in a “good” position.

Senator Gleissner asked about any SACSCOC’s accreditation consequences due to the change in the school’s programs and degrees offered.

Dr. Sharman responded that there are many precedents for such changes when a school is reaffirmed and had to make structural or academic changes. The SACSCOC has forms and procedures in place to handle such circumstances and the college is completing the forms and processes.

Senator Dickens asked about the leadership roles under the new structure.

Dr. Sharman responded that there will be two campus directors. One for Swainsboro and one for joint supervision of Statesboro and Augusta. There will be one Associate Vice-President over the School. Volunteers will be solicited at the faculty orientation for department/school coordinators (reports).

Dr. Sharman commented that there will be new guidelines for Covid-19 responses and responsibilities presented at Faculty Orientation.

#### VIII. New Business

- a. Election of Secretary and Parliamentarian—Nominees are John Gleissner for Secretary and Breana Simmons for Parliamentarian

A motion to table the vote till the next meeting was made and seconded. Nominations will stay open until an email vote can take place.

- b. Begin review of bylaws: Section I.

A motion to move the discussion concerning section I of the by-laws to the September meeting was made and seconded. It was passed 5 votes for, 2 votes absent.

- c. Select meeting dates for fall.

A motion to move this discussion to email after schedules were confirmed this fall was made and seconded. It was passed 5 votes for, 2 votes absent.

#### IX. Unfinished Business—None

- X. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned by majority (5 members in favor, 2 absent) vote, at 11:01 a.m. this date.

#### **Addendum 1.**

##### **APCC item: Proposed Change to the size of Post-Tenure Review Committee.**

A discussion was held pre-meeting via email from May 6 up to the meeting to discuss the proposal. No corrections or questions were raised during the discussion.

A motion to approve the item was made and approved by majority (7 members in favor) vote.

##### **APCC item: At-Risk Alert Policy.**

A discussion was held pre-meeting via email from May 6 up to the meeting to discuss the proposal. No corrections or questions were raised during the discussion.

A motion to approve the item was made and approved by majority (7 members in favor) vote.

##### **APCC item: Professor Emeritus Policy.**

A discussion was held pre-meeting via email from May 6 up to the meeting to discuss the proposal. No corrections or questions were raised during the discussion.

A motion to approve the item was made and approved by majority (7 members in favor) vote.

##### **The President's Cabinet item: Standing Committee List with revisions.**

A discussion was held pre-meeting via email from May 6 up to the meeting to discuss the proposal. No corrections or questions were raised during the discussion.

A motion to approve the item was made and approved by majority (7 members in favor) vote.

##### **APCC item: Change AAIS to AALA proposal.**

The proposal would change the title of the degree "Associate of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies" to "Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts." A discussion was held pre-meeting via email from May 6 up to the meeting to discuss the proposal. No corrections or questions were raised during the discussion.

A motion to approve the item was made and approved by majority (7 members in favor) vote.

##### **APCC item: Faculty Workload Policy and Faculty Overload Policy Revisions.**

A discussion was held pre-meeting via email from May 6 up to the meeting to discuss the proposal. No corrections or questions were raised during the discussion.

A motion to approve the item was made and approved by majority (7 members in favor) vote.

**A Faculty Senate meeting schedule was proposed as follows:**

Thursday, September 9th at 4:00

Thursday, October 7th at 4:00

Thursday, November 4th at 4:00

Thursday, December 2nd at 4:00

A motion to adopt the schedule was made by the President. Since there were no objections, the schedule will be adopted for the Fall Semester.

**New members elected to committees.**

Senator Lee volunteered to serve on the College Completion Committee. Senator Gleissner volunteered to serve on the Distance Education and eLearning Committee. President Chambers volunteered to serve on the Campus Events Planning Committee. These are ad hoc committees.