

East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2021

4 p.m. Meeting being Zoomed to all Faculty Senate members

Type of meeting: Regular Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Laura Chambers, President

- I. Open Pre-meeting discussion
- II. Call to order (4 p.m.) – regular meeting – Second 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, and Breana Simmons.

Parliamentarian position will be voted at this meeting.

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

- IV. Greeting of Visitors – Dr. Sharman

Senator Bragg welcomed Dr. Sharman and mentioned the City Council was looking at EGSC during this transition period.

- V. Approval of minutes from August meeting and Adoption of Agenda

Reading was waived by the President and approved by unanimous consent.

- VI. Committee Reports – APCC (Chambers)

President Chambers announced that the APCC will be forwarding proposals for discussion at an earlier date so that questions could be answered prior to submission. Changes could then be made based on corrections needed prior to the next reading of the proposal. This would cut down on the amount of time needed for the proposal to get through the approval process.

- VII. Open Issues

- VIII. New Business (Order of New Business is subject to change)

- a. APCC Item: eMajor Criminal Justice

Dr. Sharman explained the need and attractive nature of the program for our students. This would also impact the school financially in a positive manner.

The proposal was accepted unanimously.

b. APCC Item: Wellness Date Change

Dr. Sharman explained that the school wanted to begin offering the Wellness program during the spring semester. This would allow our students to take advantage of the combination PE and Health subjects during one class and one semester.

The proposal was accepted unanimously.

c. EGSC Statutes Revised 9-2-21

Several Senators asked about the revisions and their timeliness. Dr. Sharman explained about the nature of updating and revising the statutes being one of constant change. Many consequences for the current round of revisions would need to be worked out during the “phase in” period. Then additional revisions would be made throughout the academic year to be adopted during the next academic year.

Dr. Sharman agreed that these were in no way “complete” but would allow the school to operate under these revisions for the upcoming academic year.

The proposal was accepted unanimously.

IX. Unfinished Business

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

A motion to close nominations was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

Since, there were only one nominee for each post, a motion was made to appoint the nominees to their respective positions. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

John Gleissner was appointed (by unanimous vote) to Secretary of the Senate.

Breana Simmons was appointed (by unanimous vote) to Senate Parliamentarian.

b. Begin review of bylaws: Section I. Create a subcommittee for this task due to college reorganization and extensive revisions to be made.

An ad hoc committee of the Faculty Senate was created to review the bylaws of the Senate in view of the changes in the Statutes of the College.

The proposed committee would consist of a Chair and two voting members.

A motion to create the committee was made and seconded. It was approved by unanimous vote.

Senator Boudreaux volunteered and was named chair of the committee.

Senators Bragg and Simmons volunteered and were named members of the committee.

Senator Boudreaux announced that discussion would begin via email communications/discussion and an initial report would be given at the next available Faculty Senate meeting. (As the agenda permits)

A date for final report to the Senate would be proposed at the next available Faculty Senate meeting. (As the agenda permits)

Senator Boudreaux asked the Senators to solicit opinions from their respective areas about the changes to the statutes and their affect on the Faculty Senate bylaws. Senator Boudreaux noted that any changes to the bylaws would need to be voted on by the full faculty of the college. This was supported by Senator Simmons as required by the current bylaws.

- c. Reconfirm meeting dates for fall:

Thursday, October 7th at 4:00 via Zoom

Thursday, November 4th at 4:00 via Zoom

Thursday, December 2nd at 4:00 via Zoom

Dates for the upcoming meetings were approved unanimously.

- d. A report from the President Search Committee was made concerning soliciting opinions from the general faculty on what they wanted in a new president.

A motion was made to request from Dr. Sharman's office an instrument to gather such opinion. (Anonymous Online survey was suggested).

- X. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent, at 5:00 p.m. this date.