

East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

Meeting Agenda

March 11, 2021

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

Addendum 1. Email discussion and draft of letter of recommendations to Faculty and request for comments.

Type of meeting: Special Sessions

Meeting Facilitator: Laura Chambers, President

- I. Open Pre-meeting discussion
- II. Call to order (12 p.m.) – Special Sessions. Request by VPASA Dr. Sharman
- III. Roll call –

Present: Laura Chambers (President), Mark Hovind (Parliamentarian), Armond Boudreaux, Deborah Lee, Sue Bragg, Darlene Dickens, and John Gleissner (Secretary)

All members present.

- IV. Greeting of Visitors – President Chambers introduced our guest VPASA Dr. Sandra Sharman.

- V. Open Issues

Dr. Sharman led the discussion of recommendations by Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS), and Mathematics and the Natural Sciences (MS) in reply to the request by the University System of Georgia (USG) to develop a strategy for the school to meet budget and enrollment shortfalls for FY 2021-22 and AY 2022.

Dr. Sharman noted that there was a special team of advisors from the USG that was available to the school and had made general recommendations to the administration.

HSS and MS held meetings to come to a consensus on each school's recommendations to meet the request by the USG.

These recommendations were presented by Dr. Sharman.

Recommendations from Humanities/Social Sciences

Keep AA in Business

Keep AA in Education

Keep AA in Core Curriculum (recently renamed Interdisciplinary Studies)

All other AA degrees with disciplinary distinction/certificates will be ended, although the Transfer Pathways will continue.
Recommend the termination of the FESA AA and BA programs.

Recommendations from Mathematics/Natural Sciences

Combine the AS Biology, AS Chemistry, and AS Mathematics into one Associate of Sciences with different concentrations
Continue offering the Bachelor of Sciences in Biology
Continue the BS of Nursing RN to BSN

Dr. Sharman requested that the Faculty Senate review these recommendations and come to a consensus on recommendations to move forward to the discussion with the USG team and the President's Cabinet.

Dr. Sharman said that a timeline of two weeks with a deadline of March 25 to complete the request of the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Sharman said that she would forward any budget or data requests to the business office or Student Affairs as needed.

Dr. Sharman thanked the Senators for their time and discussion of these very important matters.

VI. Discussion of Information from Dr. Sharman

A discussion was started by the members and it was noted that discussion should continue through email.

A motion to move the discussion to email was made and unanimously approved.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 1:25 p.m. this date.

Addendum 1.

A discussion was held via email concerning the information Dr. Sharman presented at the special sessions from March 11 to March 25, 2021. All members responded to the request for email discussion.

During the discussion, it was decided to support the faculty's recommendations and to solicit further comments via email prior to March 22, 2021. The letter summarized the deliberations of the Faculty Senate and a request for further comment on the consolidated set of recommendations.

After receiving the comments from the faculty, a letter to Dr. Sharman was drafted by Dr. Boudreaux and reviewed by all members of the Senate.

It was proposed that an additional memorandum noting the Senate's assumptions as to the faculty's role in the negotiations with the USG. The memorandum was drafted and discussed.

The letter to Dr. Sharman and additional noted concerns was unanimously approved.

President Chambers was to present Dr. Sharman with the letter via email.

A copy of the letter to Dr. Sharman is attached as attachment 1.