

East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

Officer Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2013
12 p.m. in Statesboro

Type of Meeting: Scheduled monthly informal meeting

I. Call to order

II. Roll call: Dr. Sandra Sharman, Dr. Reid Derr, Dr. Boehmer, and Jessica Todd.

III. Open Issues

1. Dr. Sharman began the meeting by discussing Ken Homer's concern that students seem less and less prepared as they are entering college. Dr. Homer is working on forming some solutions to assist in this matter.
2. Dr. Boehmer discussed the impact of Compass Testing. The Compass Test was not created to be a placement, admission, or exit test, but it is being used as such.
3. Dr. Sharman expressed a desire that the Compass Test should be used an assistance tool for placement in other courses (like Georgia Southern used to do) rather than an admission tool. She also suggested that ENGL 97/99 be revitalized as a course in order to help develop students' writing skills.
4. Dr. Boehmer reviewed the 2010 College Scorecard for East Georgia State College. 27.5% of our students are in default on their college loans; when 30% of our students are in default on their college loans, it jeopardizes the college's ability to offer loans. This could be problematic for the college. It seems that in the past, the college had an aggressive stance towards students. The college wanted to get students in the door and keep them in school, but the college did not stress the importance of paying back the loans and the consequences of defaulting on the loans to its students.
5. Dr. Boehmer reviewed enrollment data: Biggest factor in decrease in New Student applicants was that they did not take the Compass Test. Students could not be admitted without taking the Compass. The 2nd factor that impacted enrollment was the Satisfactory Academic Progress for returning students.

IV. New Business

1. Dr. Boehmer discussed the BOR USG President's Meeting that took place on Feb 21, 2013. At this meeting, there was a Funding Forum to discuss revising the way colleges are funded. This could either be a great opportunity or a danger for EGSC. It could be a great opportunity for EGSC if we improve our graduation/retention, enrollment, and transfer rates. However, if we do not improve, then it could affect our funding negatively.

2. Dr. Boehmer stressed the importance of maintaining standards: work hard to increase enrollment (double our efforts); keep SAP standards; double efforts on advisors, tutors, etc....Dr. Boehmer noted that all of these things will cost money.
3. Dr. Boehmer conducted a brief overview of the BOR USG Governor's Budget. It looks as though funding will increase for FY 2014.
4. Dr. Boehmer reported that the SAC visit went well. There will be at least 2 more SACs visits, largely to the Statesboro Center due to the new A.A. Degree that will be offered. He also noted that the prospectus for the Augusta Initiative will be due on May 1st, 2013.
5. Dr. Boehmer expressed the desire to have convocation in the Fall. He is looking to set the date for Sept 26th, 2013. The convocation will set the academic tone for the year. Since it is the college's 40th Anniversary Celebration, the convocation will kick start the campaign. The Investiture will take place on Sept 27th at 11 am, and there will be a 5k Run on campus on Sept 28th.
6. Dr. Boehmer will be conducting a State of the College address on May 2, 2013 at 11 am.
7. Dr. Boehmer met with the Chancellor to discuss a college wide salary adjustment. He showed the Chancellor the salaries of our EGSC faculty/administration in comparison to the average of the same positions at other colleges within the university system. There is a great discrepancy. EGSC is not just competing with local colleges in regard to salary; rather EGSC is competing with local school systems and technical colleges who pay their faculty/staff more.

Meeting adjourned—1:07 pm

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Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2013

1:15 p.m. in Statesboro

Type of Meeting: Scheduled monthly meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Reid Derr, parliamentarian

I. Call to order

II. Roll call

Members Present: Dr. Reid Derr, Dr. Walt Mason, Dr. Mina Vora, Dr. Yelena White, Dr. Tori Kearns, and Jessica Todd.

III. Greeting of Visitors

No visitors present.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Approved.

V. Open issues

1. Report of meeting with President Boehmer

Dr. Derr reviewed the information Dr. Boehmer gave the FS officers at their meeting. See minutes above for details. Committee members requested copies of the handouts Dr. Boehmer gave to the FS officers. Jessica Todd will make copies of the handouts for the FS members.

2. Report from Reid on Academic Freedom issue: we need a faculty member from outside of Social Sciences

The Academic Freedom Policy subcommittee needs a person from the Humanities to serve. It was recommended that Dr. Derr ask either Pat Homer or Dr. Val Czerny to serve on the committee.

3. Present Ken Homer's Statement on Academic Preparedness as information and for discussion at next meeting

Ken Homer is concerned that students seem less and less prepared as they are entering college. Dr. Homer is working on forming some solutions to assist in this matter.

4. Reminder to read Dr. Boehmer's "Weekly Notes"

VI. New business

A. Athletes and Scheduling (Yelena White)

Dr. White discussed that the current Guidelines on Scheduling Conflicts between Academics and Athletics is problematic. For instance, there are some issues with coaches providing academic advising (#3), students missing class for practice (#4), and there are a few issues regarding faculty being required to provide their syllabi for courses before registration begins (#5).

Dr. Derr expressed the idea that students should not obligate faculty beyond their class time and office hours. It was recommended that suggestions for amendments to this document should be examined. Dr. Mason asked for a motion for Dr. White to create some suggestions for amendments. The motion was seconded and approved.

B. Report from Academic Honesty subcommittee

A report from the Academic Honesty subcommittee was received. There was a motion to commend the committee for their hard work and diligence. Motion was seconded and

approved. Jessica Todd will send the Academic Honesty Subcommittee an email commending them on their efforts.

Dr. Mason made a motion that the FS have the opportunity to digest the Academic Honesty Policy report and then discuss it at the April meeting because there are some issues that need clarification. Dr. Kearns is going to contact Allan, Pat, and Val regarding the following for clarification:

The Vice President for Academic Affairs shall:

4. "Upon being notified of a student's second offense requiring a course grade of F (A1), expel the student from East Georgia States College and direct the Registrar to enter the phrase "Ineligible to Register" on the student's student information record."

And

The Student Conduct Officer shall:

2. "Upon a student's second and subsequent violations of academic honesty (no more than one of which resulted in a grade of F (A1), arrange a meeting with the student and the Vice President of Academic Affairs to discuss the nature of academic honesty, review the student's past violations, and determine and assess any further penalties."

Motion to move this discussion to the April meeting was seconded and approved.

C. Proposed Election procedures for this spring

It was noted that the FS needs to amend the bylaws in order to elect an at large Senator since originally the election would take place in the Fall. The FS wants to try to have nominations once a year in Spring rather than in Spring and Fall. There was a motion by Dr. Mason to table the election procedure for the at large faculty Senator until the next meeting. Motion was seconded and approved.

There was a motion to proceed with election procedures that fall under #4.1.1-4.1.4. The motion was seconded and approved. Dr. Derr will talk to the Humanities Chair about the election process for the new Humanities representatives.

D. Proposed amendments to FS bylaws

There was a motion to discuss the Faculty Meeting that is scheduled for May 2nd at 3 pm at the April meeting of the FS. The motion was seconded and approved.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was seconded and approved at 2:25 pm.