

# East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

## Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2016

2:00 pm, EGSC Conference Rm, Statesboro Campus

Type of meeting: Regular meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Walt Mason, President

- I. Call to order (1:52 p.m.)
- II. Roll call: Dr. Mason, Dr. Derr, Dr. Simmons, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Blount, and Ms. Todd. Mr. Blackburn was not able to attend.
- III. Greeting of Visitors: Dr. Goodman, Mr. Antre Drummer, Mrs. Elizabeth Gilmer, Ms. Astraea Thigpen
- IV. Approval of minutes from March 11, 2016 meeting and Adoption of Agenda

There was a motion to approve the minutes and a second. There was a call for discussion; Dr. Derr asked Dr. Goodman if he had been contacted by Mr. Blackburn concerning a grade change form. Dr. Goodman reported that he had not been contacted yet about a grade change form. It was noted that Mr. Blackburn is currently out due to surgery, but is working on a form to submit to Dr. Goodman). There was a motion to approve the minutes, and they were approved.

There was a motion to change the order of business in order to accommodate our visitors; it was so moved. The motion to allow Dr. Goodman to present his materials from the Academic Policy Committee first was approved.

- V. VPAA material:
  - i. AA in Art: There was a motion to approve the AA in Art; it was seconded and approved.
  - ii. Changes to Area C: There was a motion, and a second to approve the changes in Area C. There was a call for discussion; a question was raised regarding how changing area C may effect scheduling. There was a call to question, and the Changes to Area C were approved.
  - iii. AA in English: There was a motion to approve the AA in English; it was seconded and approved.

- iv. Staff Council changes: There was a motion to allow the Staff Council to make changes necessary to its structure as it saw fit; it was seconded and approved.

## VI. Open Issues

- a. AAMI: Mrs. Elizabeth Gilmer discussed the committee structure of the AAMI; she presented the roles and responsibilities of each member of the committee, and answered questions concerning her original proposal that she submitted on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016. There was a motion to approve the change in structure/membership of the AAMI committee, a second, and it was approved.

## VII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Freedom – Dr. Derr met with Dr. Boehmer last Friday. Dr. Derr told the FS that Dr. Boehmer accepted the rewrite of the Academic Freedom Policy in total, and will include it in the Statute and Handbook. However, Dr. Boehmer was concerned with some inconsistencies in policies regarding grievances and grade appeals; he wants one policy that deals with these two items (policies/procedures). Dr. Derr made a motion that a Grievance and Grade Appeal Sub-Committee be created and that the FS release the Academic Freedom Sub-Committee. The same members will reconvene under the new committee to take control of the Grievance/Grade Appeal Sub-Committee. This motion was seconded and approved.

## VIII. Unfinished Business

- a. Where are we on Post-Tenure? This issue has been resolved.
- b. Where are we on Academic Honesty? Dr. Ren Denton, Dr. Joe Devaney, and Mr. Bob Marsh took over for Dr. Val Czerny in regard to the Academic Honesty Policy. Bob and Joe will contact Susan Gray and make an appointment to meet with Dr. Boehmer.

## IX. New Business

- a. Sexual Misconduct Policy: There was a motion to accept the Sexual Misconduct Policy as information; there was a second and a call for discussion. Dr. Derr noted that the protections concerning faculty were weak. There was a question regarding due process standards. There was a call to question, and the Faculty Senate approved to accept the policy as information.
- b. Proposed EGSC Statutes Addition – There was a motion, a second, and it was approved.
- c. Update on Faculty Senate Elections – Dr. Yelena White & Mr. Da'mon Andrews were elected as FS members for the School of Math /Science; Reid Derr & Walt Mason were elected as FS members for the School of Social Science. New members will be invited to the April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- d. April 29 meeting – After the Spring Faculty Meeting, the Faculty Senate will meet at 2 pm in the Social Science Conf. Rm.
  - e. Last meeting of the year: The last meeting of the year will take place on June 3 @ 9 am in Statesboro.
  - f. Faculty Meeting- Dr. Mason will check with Dr. Goodman about placing the following faculty concerns/issues on the Agenda: faculty security, surveys, violence, overloads and pay. The faculty feel that the students and classes are suffering because instructors have too many obligations besides teaching. There was a motion to ask that these items be placed on the agenda- commitments beyond teaching, extra time demands, etc. The motion was seconded and approved.
- X. Adjournment- There was a motion to adjourn; it was seconded and approved.