

East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

MINUTES

August 5, 2020

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

Type of meeting: Regular Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Laura Chambers, President

- I. Open Pre-meeting discussion. **Discussion of preparations for first week/hybrid classes. Notification of students before the first class so that students know when they will attend in class, when via Zoom. Concern about room capacity/ high enrollment classes. This is still a moving target and there are many unresolved issues.**
- II. Call to order (10 a.m.) – regular meeting – first meeting of 2020-21 academic year
- III. Roll call – **Present: Laura Chambers, Mark Hovind, John Cadle, Armond Boudreaux, Darlene Dickens, Deborah Lee, Sue Bragg .**
- IV. Greeting of Visitors – none
- V. Approval of minutes from June 2, 2020 meeting and Adoption of Agenda. **Approved**
- VI. Committee Reports - none
- VII. Unfinished Business
 - a. Survey Monkey re: face masks worn by faculty, staff & students tabled since June. **Overtaken by directives from USG/admin.**
- VIII. Open Issues
- IX. New Business (Order of New Business is subject to change)
 - a. Introductions all around—Be ready to share a bit about yourself within just a minute or two: how long you've been teaching, what field(s), what you hope to accomplish in your position on Faculty Senate, etc. **Deborah, Statesboro Campus. Sue Bragg, Swainsboro, teaches Statesboro, Dual enrollment, Sociology. Darlene, Statesboro and Swainsboro campus; Non-majors biology f2f and online, Microbiology, Integrated Science, CATS. Long history with EGA (first applicant, first student president). Rooster the dog (barked a few times). Cadle. Mark Hovind: Communication (Intercultural – created this course; Interpersonal communication). Beaux: English, Swainsboro campus, lives in Statesboro. Laura Chambers, 22 years teaching (theater, interpersonal**

communication, English). Has worked at GSU and OTC. Appeal to senate for support/assistance with difficult year ahead.

- b. Faculty Senate Bylaw 2.1. **Conflict of interest possibility Cadle/Interim chair of Biology. Precedent: Tommy Upchurch, but full consideration was obviated by TU not being reelected to FS. Cadle prefers to step down to avoid *appearance* of conflict of interest. Opinion expressed that, while there is nothing presently before the Senate that creates a conflict of interest, the bylaws should accommodate future possibilities; thus, best to maintain separation between supervisory role and FS role. Laura will contact Dean Chevalier to set up nomination process within Math-Science with 2 week time frame, vote before the next Senate meeting. Will need to replace Secretary with new person since Cadle is outgoing.**
 - c. APCC Form 08032020 for FYE Committee and Proposal of Alteration of Personnel on First Class First Year Experience Committee (sent by email on 8/4/20 to be voted on in meeting). **Approved**
 - d. Email voting and expected turnaround time. **Many items will come up in connection with SACS review. Need for quick response/ quick turnaround. Senate members need to be in close touch with email, response max. 24 hours. Important for Senate to critically read and comment on items that come before it. Senate should not become a rubber stamp for things that come from admin. Senate members can have discussion on such items to evaluate/assist decision-making. Try to have these discussions via email because of scheduling challenges via Zoom, etc. These emails will begin with a suggestion to discuss for perspectives and concerns.**
 - e. September meeting – date (options Sept. 1-4, 2020) to be delivered via Zoom. **Options: preference to meet during first week of the month. Expression of opinion for no Friday meetings. For September and rest of semester: first Wednesdays at 4 p.m.— September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2 via Zoom**
 - f. Other business? **None**
- X. Adjournment . **Meeting adjourned 11 a.m.**