

East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2020

4:00 a.m. in EGSC Statesboro Conference Room

Type of meeting: Regular meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Walt Mason, President

- I. **Open Pre-meeting Discussion (Unofficial)** – none
- II. Call to order (4:00 a.m.)
- III. Roll call – Present: Walt Mason, Armond Boudreaux, Laura Chambers, Robert Marsh, Tommy Upchurch, Mark Hovind & Martiana Segal
- IV. Greeting of Visitors – Karen Jones will come in when we get to the SAP portion of New Business.
- V. Approval of minutes from December 5, 2018, meeting and Adoption of Agenda (2 min)-- Approved
- VI. Committee Reports – none
- VII. Unfinished Business - none
- VIII. Open Issues - none
- IX. New Business
 1. Request to Change Course number for Vertebrate Zoology (discussion-5 min) -- Approved
 2. Proposal to change the Prerequisites for BIOL 1103L (discussion-5 min) -- Approved
 3. RN-BSN Request to APCC to Remove Institutional Requirements for BSN degree (discussion-10 min) -- Approved
 4. SAP – Karen Jones explained that SAP doesn't change students' academic standing markers. She stated that this is primarily a financial aid issue. Then Michael Wernon explained that the SAP policy gives students more leeway up front

to catch up to college expectations; since this is an open-access institution, our students are generally unprepared when they come to us, so they need more time up front to get adjusted. This policy allows for that. Karen stated that the policy was run in fall 2019 to see how it affected out retention of students. It appears that the policy saved between 150 to 200 students from dropping out of college. Michael Wernon also stated that this policy will drastically reduce our student loan default rate. -- Approved

5. Establish dates and times for spring meetings: Every first Tuesday from 4:30 to 5:30 on the Statesboro Campus.

X. Adjournment