The Spring Semester General Faculty Meeting began at 2:15 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Luck Flanders Gambrell Building on the EGSC Swainsboro Campus. The meeting was also live streamed to EGSC Statesboro in H133 and to EGSC Augusta in B003.

Dr. Tim Goodman called the faculty meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Approval of the Minutes
Dr. Goodman presented the minutes of the November 18, 2016 Fall Faculty Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Dr. Cheek. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of Spring 2017 Graduation Candidates
The following order of business was to vote on the spring 2017 graduation candidates as provided by Tabithia Ross, Registrar. Motion to approve the list was made by Dr. Dee McKinney. The faculty voted unanimously to approve the graduates. Each graduate must satisfy all requirements to graduate from EGSC.

Update on the Status of AA/AS Programs
Of the nine programs submitted, some have been approved and some are still awaiting approval. The process of creating student learning outcomes and assessments for these programs has begun. We are in the process of releasing a two-year program of those degrees that will list when the respective courses for each program will be taught. The Academic Center for Advisement will also be working to release a graduation plan for each program that will allow students to plan their course of action for completing their degree.

Dr. Goodman noted EGSC is one of only two institutions in the USG implementing A.A. and A.S. degree programs. It was decided that offering degrees in a specific area was for the betterment of the student. The SACSCOC 5th Year Review reflects a favorable opinion of this initiative. The challenge will now be to enroll students in these programs to keep them viable.

Faculty serving as advisors to the athletes were asked to remain in the auditorium for a discussion with Dr. Goodman and Tabithia Ross regarding athletic advisement.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Williams

Dr. Tim Goodman, Vice President for Academic Affairs