Minutes of the November 10, 2017, Stated Meeting of the
East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

The EGSC Faculty Senate (FS) met in Swainsboro and the Conference Room for the Statesboro Campus via Polycom. President Lena White called the meeting to order at 12:05.

In attendance were FS President Lena White, senators Drs. Reid Derr, Tori Kerns, Ren Denton, Beaux Boudreaux, and Professor Damon Andrews. Absent Walt Mason (away with the team).

Attending as a guest was Chief Gammon.

It was moved, seconded, and approved (MSA) to adopt the Oct 2017.

Chief Gammon addressed classroom safety and lack of personnel to address the safety concerns. “Call Buttons” or “Panic Buttons” were requested for each of the classrooms. Dr. Vess would need to do a work request for IT. The doors without locks were also addressed. Locks were requested. More police presence during events was requested because of the students’ misbehavior that is so widespread.

Dr. Boudreaux is writing a request for security cameras in the hallways. Yelena White is going to draft a request for panic buttons in the classrooms.

The Faculty Senate is still updating the Bylaws for Tenure and Promotion. Bob Marsh and Sandara Sharman have been enlisted.

The Survey Monkey Survey is up for faculty senate to review.

The student evaluation is still under review by the committee.

Old Business:

1. The overload issue was tabled until Dr. Mason can join the FS meeting

2. No progress for the lack of faculty parking.

3. The faculty suicide training is in progress. Spring Semester is a target date. Campus oriented training may work better than a larger group or D2L module.

4. Timing of modules has not been addressed.

New Business:

1. Changes made in Area F (Chemistry, Biology, and Mathematics). FS critically reviewed the Mathematics curriculum. MSA to adopt the changes made to the Chemistry and Biology curriculums with editorial changes. MSA to adopt the changes to Mathematics if the credit hours discrepancy and grammar edits are made.
2. MSA to make Calculus a prerequisite for Physics.

3. MSA to accept Fraud Awareness Week Event as information.

4. MSA to accept changes to IT’s standing committee.

5. Tenure and Promotion Policy is not efficient because it does not close the loop. The dean is the gateway to T and P. There is not recourse to due process for faculty who are kept from applying to T and P by dean or T and P committees. We need to add that chairs cannot serve on the T and P committee the same as the deans. Dr. Vess has recommended that we look at other T and P policies at other institutions. It was MSA that Yelena be authorized to put together a committee for T and P policy revision before January’s meeting. (There will be a faculty-wide invitation.)

Next meeting is December 11 (Call-in at 2 p.m. and Polycom). Lena will request a call-in code.

MSA to close meeting at 1:23.