

East Georgia State College Faculty Senate Officer

Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2013
12 p.m. in Swainsboro

Type of Meeting: Scheduled monthly meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Sandra Sharman

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
Officers Present: Dr. Sandra Sharman, Dr. Reid Derr, Jessica Todd, and Dr. Bob Boehmer.
- III. Cell phone update
Dr. Boehmer discussed that it would cost around \$35, 000 dollars for a repeater to be installed on the Statesboro Center Campus in order for students/faculty who have a contract with Verizon to receive cell phone service. The proposal has been sent to Verizon to see if they will share the cost of the repeater with the college since so many of our students/faculty are Verizon customers. Please note that the Verizon repeater would only work for Verizon customers and not any other companies (i.e. Alltel, T-Mobile, etc...). The college would need to purchase additional repeaters for other cell phone providers in order for their devices to receive signals. The plan is to purchase the Verizon repeater first, and then to purchase additional repeaters as the budget allows.
- IV. The reduction of add/drop days from three to two
It was discussed that there appears to be a 4th day of informal schedule adjustment during each semester. Instructors and the Registrar's Office would like to stick to the deadlines for schedule adjustment.
- V. Firm deadlines for student registration, schedule adjustment, and appeals
It was noted that there is a downward pressure on enrollment. By sticking to the deadlines for registration, schedule adjustment, and appeals, it can affect enrollment numbers.

It was also noted that many of our EGSC students take out loans and then default on their payments. For instance, students who take out a loan register for a full load of classes, but then do not receive any course credits. They repeat this process until they are on academic exclusion and they appeal their exclusion status. By the time the students are excluded from EGSC, they leave with little or no credits, and then do not make any payments on their loans. Currently, EGSC is close to its Federal Regulation on the number of students who can default on their loans.

- VI. The contact hour proposal
Dr. Boehmer discussed that he saw contact hours as part of the process of promotion and tenure. He is currently looking at overhauling the guidelines of promotion and tenure to make the process more transparent and explicit.
- VII. Professional courtesy in job searches
Dr. Sharman expressed her displeasure concerning the EGSC procedure for contacting professionals who have applied for positions at the college. It was brought to her attention that many professionals in the area have been applying to EGSC without hearing a word from the college in regard to whether their materials have been received. Dr. Sharman expressed the need for EGSC to communicate with professionals in the community and provide them feedback on their submissions as a professional courtesy.
There was also a discussion of why many job searches fail at the college. For instance, the salaries are low in comparison to other institutes as well as the search process is not colleague to colleague. This is a structural problem that needs to be addressed.

Meeting was adjourned: 1:00 pm

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1 p.m. in Swainsboro

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Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Sandra Sharman

I. Call to order: 1:06 pm

II. Roll call

Members Present: Dr. Walt Mason, Dr. Tori Kearns, Dr. Yelena White, Dr. Reid Derr, Dr. Sandra Sharman, Mina Vora, and Jessica Todd.

III. Greeting of Visitors

N/A: No visitors present.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes were approved.

V. Open issues

1. Common consent to close this meeting at 2 p.m.?

Motion was seconded and approved.

2. Report from Reid on Academic Freedom issue: we need a faculty member from outside of Social Sciences

Dr. Derr requested suggestions of possible interested faculty members to help serve on the Academic Freedom policy that were outside of the Social Sciences Division. Possible candidates included Dr. Jeff Edgens, Dr. Jimmy Wedincamp, Dr. Randy Carter, and Connie Young-Johnson.

3. Sandra: Report from Academic Honesty subcommittee

There has not been a report sent at this time.

4. Report on Facilities Usage of gym

Dr. Walt Mason reported that he was very pleased with the meeting that Dr. Boehmer scheduled with Dr. Dee McKinney, Dr. Donald Avery, Stacey King, Michelle Goff, and himself. At the meeting, the problem regarding the usage of the gym was resolved.

5. Report of meeting with President Boehmer (cell phone update, contact hours, firm deadlines for everything—esp. schedule adjustment days, appeals—professional courtesy in job searches, etc.)

See Faculty Senate Officer Meeting Minutes (on 1st page).

VI. New business

A. Amend agenda to reflect issues raised by Dr. Boehmer

B. Review pp. 2 and 3 of Faculty Senate Bylaws in order to plan for elections and transition to 2013-2014 FS term (Please bring your copy of FS Bylaws, located on D2L.)

VII. Adjournment: 2:00 pm