Minutes of the May 11, 2018, Stated Meeting of the East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

The EGSC Faculty Senate (FS) met in the Conference Room on the Statesboro Campus. President Lena White called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

In attendance were FS President Lena White, senators Damon Andrews, Drs. Reid Derr, Ren Denton, Tori Kearns, Walt Mason, and Beaux Boudreaux. New Faculty Senate Members were not in attendance. Ray Hayes designated Dr. Derr as a proxy. Dr. Martiana Sega was in Romania and Bob Marsh was absent. (Digital resources were provided to accommodate Dr. Sega, but she chose not to attend or designate a proxy.)

It was moved, seconded, and approved (MSA) to adopt the April 13, 2018 meeting minutes.

Committee Reports:

The By-Laws draft has a clean, updated version. The senators discussed the changes. It was MSA to address when Faculty Senators will hold their elections for officers. Elections must happen before the August meeting; elections should happen preferably in May or June.

MSA to accept the by-laws as a whole.

The rubric for the faculty evaluations for their annual review. MSA to accept the faculty evaluations as it. The draft will be forwarded to Dr. Vess and Dr. Boehmer.

New Business:

The officer elections were postponed because the new faculty senators were missing.

The statutes were passed down from the APCC. The changes were cosmetic to reflect the changes to the school’s revised structured. It was MSA to approve them as is.

Dr. Rozier attended as a guest to review the nursing program. Dr. Rozier explained the candidacy status granted in December. The program has been restructured to show a progression, using the language Bloom’s Taxonomy. The revisions were done in accordance with ACEN guidelines so that the nursing program will be accredited. The Site Visit is expected late September.

MSA to accept the nursing program revisions as a whole.

MSA to approve English 1104.

Mr. Andrew enlightened the senators about the purpose of support resources, who is teaching the entry-level courses (PT vs. FT). The issue is faculty or institutional support. Mr. Andrews argues that we need to put support structures in place and look at the quality of tutors, teachers, and pre-requisite.
The majority of Faculty Senators believe that LS should not be removed because our students need the kind of support these support classes represent. Mr. Andrew proposes to focus on changing what we can to ensure the students are supported.

There was a motion to deny the removal of learning support and wishes to keep the learning support. Mr. Andrews opposes, three abstained from voting, and three voted in the affirmative. The motion failed.

There was a motion to approve the passing of removing the learning support classes. One positive, three abstained, and three opposed.

MSA to approve items D and E of the agenda together.

MSA to accept the new course proposal Elementary Linear Algebra as an area F requirement for the Associates in Math.

MSA to accept the learning outcomes of mathematics courses to provide a united course learning objectives for each course.

MSA to approve the Survey of Calculus course.

MSA to discuss together T and U items on the agenda. The Math Modeling course was introduced. This course teaches the functions of Algebra, Statistics, graphing, approximations. The course will prepare students for Survey of Calculus. This is largely for non-STEM majors.

MSA to table the math modeling course proposal until we receive a syllabus.

MSA pending the approval of Math Modeling, Math Modeling will serve as a pre-requisite to Survey of Calculus in addition to College Algebra.

The Choice Program was discussed. These students will receive a certificate of accomplishments instead of a degree. It was MSA to grant the CHOICE certificate.

MSA to meet again June 8 in Swainsboro.

MSA to adjourn at 11:55.