

Minutes of the June 16, 2017, Stated Meeting of the
East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

The EGSC Faculty Senate (FS) met in the George L. Smith Conference Room on the Swainsboro Campus and by Polycom to Statesboro. President Lena White called the meeting to order at - 10:03.

In attendance were FS President Lena White, senators Dr. Reid Derr, Damon Andrews, Dr. Breana Simmons, Dr. Ren Denton and Dr. Beaux Boudreaux. Absent was Dr. Walt Mason.

Attending as guests were Dr. Tim Goodman, Vice President for Academic Affairs, David Strickland, Director of First Year Experience, and Dr. David Chevalier, Interim Chair of Biology.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to adopt the May 11, 2017 minutes as written.

There were no committee reports, so the FS moved immediately to New Business.

New Business:

1. It was moved, seconded, and approved to adopt a meeting agenda as it stands.
2. Open issue: the timing of HR training. According to the survey sent to faculty, 60 to 40 percent elected for online training, if the training could be open for longer times. It was suggested to open online training for August 1 and have an extended deadline. A motion was made that Dr. Reid Derr would contact Ms. Tracy Woods and suggest that the online training open August 1 and close at 11:59 PM Dec. 15. The motion was seconded and approved.
3. It was moved, seconded, and approved to postpone the statutes discussion until August.
4. The African American Literature course was moved, seconded, and approved as is.
5. MSA to change the order of the agenda to accommodate David Strickland's schedule.
6. David Strickland discussed The Bobcat Pledge. He gave background information on how similar pledges fit into the scheme of other college campuses and how the pledge can be used to orient the students to their roles in a learning community.

Changes:

- “We” was changed to “I” to promote a focus on personal responsibility.
- “As students” was changed to “As members” (to create inclusion)
- “socially responsible” was changed to “personally and socially responsible.”

“We will respect and learn from differences in people, ideas, and opinions” was changed to “We will respect and learn from the ideas and opinions of different people.”

7. All amendments to the Bobcat Pledge were MSA.

8. MSA to change the pre-requisite for BCHM 3100 to a “C” or better in CHEM 2412.

9. Dr. David Chevalier discussed the new course proposal to split the lab portion of 1103. The course’s goals allow students to retake the BIO 1103 class without the lab if they failed the class but passed the lab. A discussion about who would teach the biology labs were discussed. It was questioned if the labs would be taught by more adjuncts or the same instructors as BIO 1103.

10. It was moved, seconded, and approved to table discussion of the items C-J on the agenda. These items will be discussed in August.

c. Prereq change for BIO 2511

d. Prereq change for 2611

e. Remove Lab for BIOL 1103

f. New Course-BIOL 1103 without lab

g. New Course-Intro Biology I Lab -BIOL 1103L

h. Remove Lab for BIOL 1104

i. New Course-BIOL 1104 without lab

j. New Course-Intro Biology II Lab -BIOL 1104L

11. The Military Credit Approval procedure was moved, seconded, and approved.

12. It was moved, seconded, and approved that we accept items p and q as information.

p. Members to committees other than Committee on Election can be staff members, not Staff Council Members.

q. Change the monthly meetings to quarterly meetings.

13. Dr. Goodman presented a new Academic Advising Plan.

14. Faculty training for advising was discussed. Errors in faculty advisement were a concern. A training guide document was suggested. The fairness of the advising load was discussed. Some faculty have and will have more advisees than others due to the imbalance of student majors. Dr. Goodman said the new plan addresses the lack of oversight. (Faculty Advisors listed on top of students’ Banner page.) Vague wording of the new policy was a concern.

15. MSA to deny the new advisement plan as is.

16. The majority moved, seconded, and approved the motion to revise the wording on the Advisement Plan so that the perimeters are clearly defined. The plan needs to protect faculty and serve students.

17. MSA the new Advisement Plan for Athletes.

18. MSA to table the Grievance Policy discussion.

19. MSA to meet at a date negotiated online.

MSA to adjourn at 12:33.