Minutes of the August 9, 2013, Stated Meeting of the East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

The EGSC Faculty Senate (FS) met in the Conference Room at EGSC, Statesboro on Friday, August 9 at 9 a.m.

In attendance were FS President Walt Mason, senators Pat Homer, Reid Derr, Alan Brasher, Breanna Simmons, Mina Vora, and Yelena White. Also attending as a guest was Val Czerny.

We began with informal discussion of our priorities and concerns for the coming year.

The meeting was officially called to order at 9:50. It was moved, seconded, and approved to adopt the June 14 and August 6 minutes without correction.

Old Business:

1. It was moved, seconded, and approved to delay presentation of the proposed bachelor’s program in Positive Psychology to our September stated meeting. Pat Homer agreed to ask Tori Kearns to present that program at that time. The vote was unanimous.

2. It was moved, seconded, and approved to delay presentation of a new history class, HIST 2300, until our September meeting. Breanna Simmons agreed to ask Dee McKinney to present the proposed course at that time.

3. It was moved, seconded, and approved to form a subcommittee to amend FS bylaws (1) to include faculty teaching in the Augusta program and (2) to clarify terms of senators and FS officers. This subcommittee is to report by the November stated meeting. Reid Derr agreed to chair the committee and appoint two others to be chosen by him.

4. It was moved, seconded, and approved to postpone discussion of the Grade Appeal Policy to September. Walt will get and distribute this proposed Grade Appeal Policy to FS.

New Business:

1. It was moved, seconded, and approved to assign further revision of the Academic Honesty Policy to an ad hoc committee composed of Pat Homer and Val Cherny, to be chaired by Senator Homer, and to work in consultation with Dr. Lee Cheek. The committee will report at the October meeting.

2. It was moved, seconded, and approved to adopt the changes to the EGSC Statutes to include the Augusta program. This was agreed on unanimously.
3. It was moved, seconded, and approved that Walt talk to David Strickland and ask him to inform faculty of the change in practice regarding Student Success class grading. The class is no longer pass/fail, but will employ alphabetic grading.

4. It was moved, seconded, and approved that Walt as FS president request that when President Boehmer desires to meet with the FS officers that he meet with the entire Senate, given the need to have all senators equally informed of the president’s concerns.

5. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept EGSC statutory revisions to membership of Library Committee, i.e., to remove students and allow the head librarian to add those appropriate faculty and staff members to the committee.

6. It was moved, seconded, and approved to form a FS committee chaired by Reid Derr to amend the FS bylaws to include EGSC faculty in Augusta.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 10:25. Our next stated meeting will be in Swainsboro at 10 a.m. on Sept. 6 in the Humanities conference room.

Sincerely,

Reid Derr, secretary

August 14, 2013