East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2014

12:30 a.m. PE Complex, D101, Swainsboro

Type of meeting:  Regular meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Walt Mason, President

I. Call to order at 12:31pm.

II. Present: Mason, Brasher, Marsh, Derr, Homer, Blackburn and Simmons

III. Greeting of Visitors – Dr. Goodman

IV. Approval of minutes from August 6, 2014 meeting and Adoption of Agenda

Amend New Business #3: change to "MSA the early adoption of the new Foundations of College English (ENGL 0989) to be taught on the Swainsboro campus only, starting Fall 2014."

V. Unfinished Business

VI. Open Issues

VII. New Business

A. Academic Policy – Change in APCC membership; RHSC Requirements; Academic Renewal; Biology

1. Moved, and seconded to approve (MSA) a reduction in the required number of student reps on APCC to one student member.

2. MSA Accept changes to RHSC Requirements in catalog. Derr and Homer wished to have their dissent on record.

3. MSA Receive BOR changes to Academic Renewal Policy as information.

4. MSA Accept the Biology Exit Exam as part of the graduation requirements for the Biology B.S.

5. MSA Approval of MATH 0989.

6. MSA Change MATH 1000 to MATH 0999.
B. Preliminary report from John Blackburn on Prior Learning Assessment
   1. Committee will consist of Blackburn, Simmons, Purcell, Strickland, and Nail
   2. Committee will survey faculty about prior learning assessment and portfolio evaluation

C. Discussion of communication between athletic coaches and faculty regarding student attendance and weekly grade evaluations.
   1. Blackburn is concerned about FERPA requirements and the weekly evaluations.
   2. Derr recommends that coaches should talk to the faculty at the fall faculty meetings.

D. Development of Ad hoc committee to look at summer employment
   1. MSA Formation of an ad-hoc committee of Strickland, Dart, and White (Dart as chairperson) to evaluate summer employment - how classes are assigned and how faculty are paid.
   2. Dart will provide a preliminary report at December meeting in Statesboro.
   3. Simmons will alert committee.

E. Development of fall election of faculty members to standing committees, etc.
   1. MSA Brasher and two designees of his choice will form an ad-hoc committee to look into development of fall election of faculty members to standing committees and report by January.

F. Changes in by-laws due to new faculty/admin. positions
   1. MSA Marsh will chair a 3-person committee to revise faculty senate by-laws in response to upcoming changes to structure of academic administration and report by February.

G. Discussion on changes in Promotion/Tenure changes due to BOR requirements
   1. Marsh will ask about the new BOR promotion and tenure changes that are in conflict with the timeline restrictions already in place.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Committee Report on Malicious Accusation Resolution
1. MSA Statement of Concern as a resolution of Faculty Senate. Mason will draft a cover letter and send an official copy to the president and VPAA.

IX. MSA to Adjourn at 2:17pm