

East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2016

2:00 pm, Social Science Conference Room, Swainsboro Campus

Type of meeting: Regular meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Walt Mason, President

- I. Call to order (2:08 p.m.)
- II. Roll call: Mr. Blackburn, Dr. Simmons, Dr. Mason, Dr. Derr, Mr. Blount, Mr. Marsh, and Ms. Todd
- III. Greeting of Visitors: Dr. White
- IV. Approval of minutes from April 8, 2016 meeting: Motion, 2nd, passed
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Academic Honesty – Bob Marsh- There is a May 4th meeting scheduled. Bob, Ren, Joe, and Pat going to meet with Dr. Boehmer.
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - a. Grade Change Form/Discussion – John Blackburn emailed Houston Davis about system policy about notifying of grade change. He has not responded. When Dr. Goodman changes a grade, he does not have a form that he submits to the Registrar’s Office. It was noted that the Instructor of Records should be notified, yet this is not being done.
- VII. New Business (Order of New Business is subject to change)
 - a. Faculty Council meeting – Bob Marsh attended the FC meeting where a discussion of policies across the system regarding sexual assault took place.
 - b. Academic Integrity – A discussion was raised in regard to who is doing the students’ work (assignments, plagiarism, etc.). This is a growing problem. People are plagiarizing papers and completing others’ work for them. The importance of integrity was raised. A lot of the athletes are having issues. Some staff on campus are assisting them with their work (i.e. cheating). A question was raised concerning should there be a committee for this issue. It was suggested that perhaps the Faculty Senate could see if Sherrie Helms would send a letter to faculty concerning academic integrity; she could ask them to immediately contact her in cases of cheating or academic integrity. Dr. Derr made a motion for Dr. Mason and Dr. Simmons to draft a proposal concerning the process for

faculty when they suspect someone of cheating or breaking the academic honesty/integrity policy. The motion was seconded. There was a call for discussion. Mr. Marsh suggested that the Faculty Senate try to get this information in the Academic Honesty Policy with Dr. Boehmer. There was a call to question. The motion for Dr. Mason and Dr. Simmons to draft a process for faculty to follow who suspect a student of academic dishonesty was approved.

- c. June meeting – June 3 @ 9:00 am in Statesboro.
- d. June meeting will include election of officers for 2016 – 2017.
- e. Mr. Marsh discussed the topic of merit raises; there was a discussion about gender/minority in regard to merit raises. Some faculty are treated different from other faculty within the same School.

VIII. Adjournment-Motion to adjourn- 2:50 pm