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