

# East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

## Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2017

1:30 pm, George L. Smith Conference Room at EGSC, Swainsboro

and by phone to Statesboro

Type of meeting: Regular meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Lena White, President

- I. **Pre-meeting work session**
- II. Call to order (1:10 pm.)
- III. Roll call: Dr. Walt Mason, Dr. Breana Simmons, Shawna Williams (by phone from Statesboro), Dr. Lena White, Da'Mon Andrews, and Dr. Reid Derr. Jessica Todd was absent.
- IV. Greeting of Visitors: none
- V. It was moved, seconded, and approved (MSA) to receive the minutes of the February 17, 2017, meeting.
- VI. Committee Reports
  - a) Proctoring of Exams: The Senate is awaiting a final copy from Dr. Dee McKinney. Shawna and Lena are overseeing this process.
- VII. Unfinished Business: none
- VIII. Open Issues: none
- IX. New Business
  - a) The Senate discussed the issue of the compulsory online training modules that faculty must periodically complete. HR Director Tracy Woods was to have attended to answer questions, but was unable at this time. The senators raised a variety of questions that they wish Mrs. Woods to answer.
  - b) Walt Mason, who serves on the hiring committee for the new Vice President for Academic Affairs, briefed the Senate on the progress of the committee, which is down to three primary candidates. The Senate discussed various questions which our body ought to ask during our half-hour sessions with each of the candidates and informally commissioned Breana Simmons to type up a list of appropriate questions

for us to ask the candidates. We agreed to communicate about these questions via email.

- c) Breana Simmons presented as information the proposed outline of content for Faculty Work Conference, as drawn up by Dr. Dee McKinney of the Center for Teaching and Learning. Reid Derr suggested that time ought to be allotted for the mandatory compliance modules during the work conference and Senate evaluated the various elements of the work conference, as proposed by Dr. McKinney.
- d) Lena brought up for discussion the issue of Faculty Annual Evaluations. The perception is that these evaluations can be arbitrary and unfair. Therefore, it was moved, seconded, and approved to establish a Faculty Senate subcommittee to write a rubric for Faculty Annual Evaluations, as done by supervisors. Lena agreed to email the following individuals to ask if they would serve on this subcommittee, include Lena: Amy Hendricks (Humanities), Breana Simmons (Math-Science), David Strickland (Social Science), Sandra Sharman (Humanities), Alan Brasher (Humanities), and—sigh! ☺—Reid Derr (Social Science).
- e) The April 21 meeting of the Senate will be held in Statesboro at 1 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Adjournment: MSA to adjourn at 2:27 p.m.

Sincerely,

Reid Derr, temporary secretary