

East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2015

EGSC D101 Physical Education Complex, Swainsboro Campus

Type of meeting: Regular meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Walt Mason, President

- I. Call to order (1:10).
- II. Roll Call: Blackburn, Brasher, Derr, Homer, Marsh, Mason and Simmons
- III. Greeting of Visitors – Dr. Jimmy Wedincamp & Dr. Yelena White
- IV. Approval of minutes from March 6, 2015 meeting and Adoption of Agenda
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Committee on Promotion/Tenure date changes – Findings will be presented formally at the May meeting and a revision will be ready for voting by the June meeting.
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Yelena White reported on a recent survey of enrollment in online classes. Deans have the ability to increase the cap on the class and caps are automatically increased due to overrides in previous semesters. There was a concern that students can be added without instructor permission. Deans or VPAA can add students without instructor permission. M/S had many complaints of this happening. Social Sciences has few complaints of this. Humanities had similar complaints but response rate was very low. Committee will write a proposal outlining transparency of enrollment caps, and a procedure for instructor overrides into courses.
 - c. MSA Submission of Guidelines for Gym Use to all affected faculty, coaches and staff for consideration and comment.
- VII. Open Issues
- VIII. New Business (Order of New Business subject to change)
 - a. MSA BIOL 3440. Natural History of the Southeastern U.S. as an additional elective in the Biology baccalaureate program.
 - b. MSA to postpone full action on the academic dishonesty policy to May
 - c. Faculty Council report by Marsh
 - d. MSA Resubmission of revised Faculty Leave Absentee Policy, originally submitted in December of 2013, to be hand delivered to Gray by Mason.
 - e. Faculty in Statesboro are being asked to provide signatures on graduation applications without having advised or reviewed the transcripts of the student. Actual advisement is done by administrators but due to SACS-COC compliance issues faculty must sign the forms.

f. There are several problems with the advisement center: we are experiencing a high number of students applying for graduation who are being advised improperly or unethically by the advisement center. Nobody seems willing to do something about it. Administrators appear to be aware but are unwilling to act.

f. Next meeting is on May 8th at 2:30pm in Swainsboro.

IX. Adjournment (2:25pm)
