

East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2016

9:00 a.m. Conference Room at EGSC, Statesboro

Type of meeting: Regular meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Walt Mason, President

- I. Call to order (9:05 a.m.) – This was the last meeting of 2015-2016 school term.
- II. Roll call/ Welcome to new representatives: Dr. Mason, Dr. Derr, Dr. Simmons, Mr. Marsh, Dr. White, Mr. Andrews, and Ms. Todd (absent- Mr. Blount, Mr. Blackburn [Mr. Blackburn was replaced on the committee by a new representative, but is on the Committee dealing with Grade Changes])
- III. Approval of minutes from April 29, 2016 meeting: There was a motion to approve the minutes; it was seconded and approved.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Position Statement on Academic Integrity – Dr. Mason and Dr. Simmons reported on the status of the FS Position Statement on Academic Integrity and the importance of Faculty being aware of its stance in regard to this issue. It was noted that there should be a place on D2L for Statement Positions for the Faculty Senate. There was a motion to approve the FS Position Statement on Academic Integrity; it was seconded and approved. There was also a motion for all FS opinions be compiled in the Faculty Senate Statements folder on D2L; the secretary of FS will upload these statements. There was a second for this motion, and it was approved.
 - b. New Committee for Rewrite of Academic Honesty Policy – Dr. Boehmer suggested the Academic Honesty Policy be rewritten entirely; Dr. Ren Denton volunteered to do it. A copy of the rewrite of the AHP was sent to everyone; it was entitled Maintaining Academic Excellence. It was noted that Joe Devaney is leaving, so Ren and Bob are the remaining committee members working on the AHP. Dr. Simmons made a motion to approve the rewrite of the AHP. There was a second, and a call for discussion. After discussion, Dr. Simmons rescinded her motion. It was noted that the FS commends Dr. Denton for the rewrite. Since Dr. Boehmer has expressed to Mr. Marsh that there are some elements that still need to be revised with the rewrite, Dr. Derr made a motion to mark the AHP as returned to the committee pending suggestions for revisions by Dr. Boehmer. This motion was seconded and approved.

- c. By-laws- Dr. Derr sent the FS the latest, clean copy of By-laws to review and for upload to D2L. The secretary will take down the old copy and upload the new copy with the date.
- d. Grievance and Grade Appeals Committee- Dr. Derr reported that the current policy only takes Grade Appeals into account. He has not had an opportunity to start on this project, but will bring a proposal with him to the August meeting concerning both Grievances and Grade Appeals.

V. Unfinished Business

- a. Resolution of Recognition & Thanks to Registrar Janet Stracher: It was noted that Mrs. Stracher appreciated the Faculty Senate's recognition of her services over the years; her email of gratitude was shared with the FS.

VI. New Business

- a. Proposed Summer Contract changes – Dr. Mason discussed the issue of summer contracts. For instance, summer contracts need to be given to faculty sooner; waiting until a week or two into the summer semester affects the class numbers due to non-attendance reporting. In addition, transportation costs, supplies for the Department, etc. have to be factored in when deciding whether courses make. It was noted that the school is losing money on some of these classes. It was recommended that the FS discuss this issue with the Deans of the Schools. Over the next two weeks, the FS will use the email to form a list of questions to ask our Deans for each School. The FS will then meet with the Deans to discuss these questions.
- b. Election of new officers-
 - i. President- Dr. Simmons nominated Dr. White for president. Dr. White accepted the nomination. The motion was seconded, and a motion to close nominations was made. All were in favor, and Dr. White was elected as FS President.
 - ii. Parliamentarian- Dr. Simmons nominated Dr. Derr for parliamentarian. The motion was seconded, and a motion to close nominations was made. All were in favor, and Dr. Derr was re-elected as Parliamentarian.
 - iii. Secretary- Dr. Simmons nominated Ms. Todd for secretary. The motion was seconded, and a motion to close nominations was made. All were in favor, and Ms. Todd was re-elected as Secretary.
- c. August meeting (8/5/16) in Swainsboro at 9:30 am

VII. Adjournment- 10:12 am – A motion to adjourn was made; there was a second, and the motion was approved.