

# East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

## Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2016

8:00 a.m. Conference Room at EGSC, Statesboro

Polycom to GL Smith Conference Room at EGSC, Swainsboro

Type of meeting: Regular meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Lena White, President

- I. Call to order (8:15 a.m.)
- II. Roll call: Dr. Walt Mason, Ms. Jessica Todd (Swainsboro), Ms. Shawna Williams, Dr. Reid Derr, Dr. Lena White, and Dr. Breana Simmons (Statesboro). Absent- Mr. Damon Andrews.
- III. Approval of minutes from August 5, 2016 meeting and Adoption of Agenda
  - a. There was a motion to approve the minutes from the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved (all in favor).
- IV. Committee Reports
  - a) Academic Freedom/Grade and Grievance subcommittee
    - a. Dr. Derr spoke concerning the Academic Freedom Statement. He expressed that Dr. Boehmer had accepted the Academic Freedom Statement, but it has not been added to any statutes or handbooks yet. Dr. Boehmer has come back with concerns because the Academic Freedom Statement does not cover appeals for students. Dr. White and Dr. Derr will be meeting with Dr. Boehmer on Sept 26th to deal with the appeals process for the Academic Freedom Statement. Dr. Derr sent us a draft of some of the changes in red. This would be an amendment for the student handbook for student appeals. The big question is, what does the president think about it? The other question is, when will the Academic Statement that was approved be posted and made available?
- V. Unfinished Business
  - a) Post-Tenure Review notes from Dr. Boehmer
    - a. Dr. Simmons discussed the Post-Tenure Review notes from Dr. Boehmer. She expressed the fact that some of the changes he suggested are technical issues. Others are requests for changes that we did not make for specific

reasons. Dr. Simmons will be checking to see with which version/draft that the committee and Dr. Boehmer are working. Dr. Simmons and the committee are going to meet with Dr. Boehmer to discuss why some of these are or are not going to be addressed. Dr. Simmons and Dr. Alan Brasher will be addressing these issues.

VI. Open Issues

- a) Academic Integrity – Drs. Simmons and Mason
  - a. We (FS) need to ensure that faculty are sticking to the Academic Integrity Statement.
  - b. The Academic Integrity Statement was sent to the president.
  - c. Dr. Simmons- Do we need to send it to the faculty?
  - d. Ms. Williams volunteered to send the FS the Civility link since it may contain something useful to the Academic Integrity Statement.
  - e. Ms. Todd will send the Academic Integrity Statement to Dr. Mason and any previous minutes that pertain to it.
  - f. Dr. Simmons will take Dr. White with her to her department chair in order to discuss her concerns about lab manual and faculty integrity.

VII. New Business

- a) The October meeting will be in Swainsboro on Oct 21<sup>st</sup> [Note: This date was later changed via email with the consent of the FS due to at least two members of the FS being out of town for a conference].
- b) The FS may have to rearrange the time for meeting since Mr. Andrews has an 8 am class that was added to his schedule. It was suggested that 9 am would be a better time to meet. The change to 9 am was made by mutual consent.
- c) Dr. White would like to thank everyone who worked so hard on the Academic Honesty Policy! Dr. Boehmer thanked the FS in the presidential meeting. There was a motion for a Thank You Letter to be written by Dr. White to Mr. Bob Marsh and Dr. Ren Denton concerning the Academic Honesty Policy. – All FS members were in favor- Approved.

VIII. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn- 8:50 am