

East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

September 29th, 2023

9:00AM via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

Type of meeting: Regular Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Breana Simmons, President

- I. Open Pre-meeting discussion
- II. Call to order (9:00am) – regular meeting. Regular meeting session was called to order at 9:04 AM.
- III. Roll call: Senators in attendance-President Breana Simmons, Christian Kraus, Dr. Carmine Palumbo, Laura Chambers, Daniel Mancill, and Christine Xie.
- IV. Greeting of Visitors: No visitors in attendance; David Altimirano and another guest (olbra) came in to the meeting late.
- V. Approval of minutes from August and Adoption of Agenda: Minutes from August were shared and approved.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Academic Honesty Committee: Academic Honesty Committee has commenced work.
- VII. Open Issues
 - a. Revision of the Annual Report Template: Committees consist of Dr. Breana Simmons, Laura Chambers, Dr. Ren Denton, Courtney Joiner and Dr. Chevalier. Revised forms will be shared soon for review.
 - b. Revision of the Faculty Evaluation Form (see Revision of Annual Report Template above)
 - c. Proctoring services in Statesboro and Augusta: Question regarding proctoring services. Swainsboro proctoring services are pretty easy. There's a question about whether or not Statesboro campus has issues offering these services. We discussed whether or not a committee was needed to investigate this as a possible problem. We decided that we

would just keep our ears open to possible grumblings among the faculty about this issue.

VIII. New Business

- a. B.S. Organizational Leadership: Dr. Simmons shared this routing form for this program as extended through eCore. Motion and second to approve the form as written. Vote was taken and the form was approved.
- b. Updates to Post-Tenure Review: Dr. Simmons opened discussion of current Post-Tenure Review. Motion and second to approve current/altered P/T review as sent from USG. No one found anything objectionable. Vote to approve was taken and passed.

IX. Unfinished Business

- a. Revisions to the EGSC Statutes: Dr. Simmons reviewed a meeting that was had with Dr. Schechter concerning past instituted changes to the statutes. Major changes to the statutes were made regarding administrative structure, and the faculty senate did not get to vote on the changes that year. Specifics of the changes were reviewed (edit: the position of AVPAA replaced the deans, campus coordinators were not mentioned in statutes). Dr. Schechter, in that previous meeting, said that as soon as a new Provost was named, senate objections to those statute changes could be brought up to that Provost. We discussed whether or not the senate body wanted to approach Dr. Whelan (the new Provost) about the problems with these statutes and the administrative structure. Dr. Palumbo suggested that, if we were going to approach Dr. Whelan, we would first need to charge a committee to do our "due diligence" to form a stronger policy level foundation for the problems with the structure and statutes. The fact remains that, regardless of how one feels about the changes, no one would discuss who made the changes to the statutes and the administrative structure, and policy that the senate body should vote to approve the changes or not was ignored. The fact that the rationale behind the changes (payroll improvements and monetary savings) could really not be recognized because the changes led to administrative salaries being increased. The faculty needs and wants an administrative/leadership scheme that makes sense and is more diverse in academic disciplinary background. We decided to end discussion on this matter and rely on Dr. Palumbo to investigate policy on the statutes.

- X. Adjournment: Motion and second to adjourn was made at 9:41AM. Vote was to adjourn was passed.