

East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2016

9:00 a.m. GL Smith Conference Room, Swainsboro

Polycom to Conference Room at EGSC, Statesboro

Type of meeting: Regular meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Lena White, President

- I. Call to order (8:59 a.m.)
- II. Roll call: Dr. Reid Derr, Mrs. Shawna Williams, Dr. Lena White, Dr. Walt Mason, Dr. Breana Simmons, Mr. Da'Mon Andrews, and Ms. Jessica Todd.
- III. Greeting of Visitors – Dr. Joseph Pittman
- IV. Approval of minutes from September 16, 2016 meeting and Adoption of Agenda:
There was a motion to accept the Sept 16, 2016 FS minutes; the motion was seconded and approved.
- V. Committee Reports
 - a) Academic Freedom/Grade and Grievance subcommittee.: Dr. Derr expressed that from his understanding, Dr. Boehmer has approved the Academic Freedom/Grade and Grievance Policy. The FS will need to approve it in order for it to go into the Handbook and Statutes.
 - a. On Sept 26, 2016- FS made a motion to approve and place the Academic Freedom Policy in the Statutes and Faculty Handbook. It was seconded and approved. However, the FS is waiting for the final approval of the Academic Freedom Statement from Dr. Boehmer.
 - b. Dr. White thanked all those who worked on the Academic Freedom/Grade and Grievance subcommittee for their hard work and dedication.
 - b) AAMI Standing Committee Report – Da'Mon Andrews.
 - a. Mr. Andrews raised a question regarding the reshuffling of people within the AAMI program; the AAMI Standing Committee will be short one standing member. He had a question about whether AAMI needed FS approval to make appointments for a new standing member. Dr. Mason and Dr. Derr informed Mr. Andrews that the AAMI is allowed to select their own member and run their committee. In the

past, FS was only involved at the inception of the committee at which it only approved the number of standing committee members.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. Grade and Grievance Subcommittee – Dr. Derr.
 - a. Since the Grade and Grievance Subcommittee has finished with the creation of its policy (Grade and Grievance Policy), there was a recommendation to dissolve the subcommittee. There was a motion to dissolve the subcommittee, which was seconded, and approved.
- b. Updated Statutes- There was a discussion concerning Article VIII. Termination of Employment.
 - a. It was noted that a link to the University System/BOR Policies needed to be placed in the Statutes and Bylaws along with the list of policies 1 through 8:
The link needs to go after “In addition to any reasons specified in these statutes, the policies of the Board of Regents or the College’s Policy and Procedure Manual, before the end of any employee’s contract term for any of the following reasons, employment may be terminated provide the institution has complied with procedural due process requirements. **Following BOR policies, (LINK HERE):**
 - List policies 1-8**
 - b. It was also recommended that the 9th policy be deleted because of redundancy: The “Violation of the policies of the BOR, including but not limited to BOR policy 8.2.1...”
 - c. It was noted that the new Academic Freedom Statement will need to be placed in the Statutes, in section H, in place of “Academic Freedom and Responsibility.” It was noted that the Academic Freedom Statement should go in Student Handbook as well.
 - d. It was recommended that the Intellectual Diversity Statement in the Student Handbook be taken out. There was a motion to just use the BOR Policy. A motion to adopt BOR policy was made; there was a second, and it was approved.

VII. Open Issues

- a) Academic Integrity – It was noted that the Academic Integrity Policy needs to be placed online. It also needs to be sent to the President. Dr. White will send the Academic Integrity Policy to Dr. Boehmer, Ms. Mary Smith, and Mr. Victor Poole. There was a motion for the FS President to take this policy to the President of College for approval after which it could be placed online and sent to all faculty. The motion was seconded and approved.

VIII. New Business

a) Items from APCC

1. Course Proposal-FESA 3111-Fire Related Human Behavior- Dr. Simmons made a motion to approve FESA 3111. Dr. Mason seconded the motion, and it was approved.
2. Course Proposal-COSP 2102-Correll Scholars Program Practicum- Dr. Simmons made a motion to approve COSP 2102. Dr. Mason seconded the motion. There was a Call for Discussion. Dr. Simmons sent a list of questions to Dr. Cheek concerning the workload for faculty mentors for the COSP students. Some of the questions included: Who does the evaluation of their learning modules, research papers, etc? Dr. Cheek is required based on SACS requirements to evaluate the students' work. There will be no compensation for faculty mentors. Call for Vote: The motion to approve COSP 2102 was seconded and approved.
3. Require students pursuing an AS in Business Administration earn a C or better in MATH 1111 for Area A core requirements: There was a motion to approve that an AS in Business Ad. student must earn a C or better in MATH 1111 for Area A core requirements. There was a second, and a Call for Discussion. Mr. Andrews had a concern regarding the grade of C vs. B. He noted that a grade of B is required for GA Southern transfers. Some institutions require a grade of B, so students need to be aware of their transfer institutions' requirement. Call to Question: The motion to earn a C or better in MATH 1111 was approved.
4. Proposal to change the pre-requisite for BIOL 2611- approved. BOR policy.
5. Proposal to change the pre-requisite for BIOL 3200- There is a need for students to have knowledge regarding genetics before cell biology. It was noted that students need to take these courses in sequence. A motion to change the pre-requisite for BIOL 3200 was made, seconded, and approved.
6. Proposal to change the pre-requisite for BIOL 2511- approved. BOR policy.
7. Proposal to change the pre-requisite for BIOL 3500- There was a motion to accept the pre-requisite for BIOL 3500. Dr. Simmons seconded the motion. There was a Call for Discussion: It was noted that BIOL 1107/1108 are fine as prerequisites; according to Dr. Simmons, who teaches this course every fall, students who take BIOL 1107/1108 have the skills and knowledge necessary to complete BIOL 3500.
8. Proposal to change the required Biology Courses for the Bachelor's of Science in Biology Curriculum- There was a motion to change the required Biology Courses for BS in Biology; there was a second, and it was approved.
9. Proposal to change the additional elective for the Bachelor's of Science in Biology Curriculum. There was a motion to approve and a second. Call for Discussion: This change was necessary due to the addition of BIOL 3460 and BIO 4550 and the removal of BIOL 4700. As a result, the hours for electives need to be changed. Call to Question: The motion to change the additional elective was approved.

10. BIOL 4550-Professional Skills for Biologist. There was a motion to approve BIOL 4550 and a second. Call for Discussion: Dr. Mason inquired if this was more of a graduate type of course. Dr. Simmons responded that no, it is common in the Biology field to have a course that focuses on research and lab reports; analysis, etc. as undergraduates. Call to Question: The motion to add BIOL 4550 as a course was approved.

b) The November 18th scheduled meeting will be moved to Dec 2nd at 9am due to availability conflicts for some FS members. There was a motion to approve the change in date of the FS meeting; it was seconded and approved.

IX. Adjournment- 10:05 am