

Minutes of the December 11, 2017, Stated Meeting of the East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

The EGSC Faculty Senate (FS) met in B 117 on the Swainsboro Campus and the Conference room at Statesboro. President Lena White called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

In attendance were FS President Lena White, senators Drs. Reid Derr, Ren Denton, Walt Mason, and Professor Damon Andrews. Dr. Tori Kearns called in. Missing was Dr. Beaux Boudreaux.

It was moved, seconded, and approved (MSA) to adjust the October minutes to reflect a conversation between Professor Dickens and Dr. White. It was MSA to adopt the Nov 2017 minutes.

Christian Kraus was a guest, as chair of the Academic Integrity Committee. He introduced the institutional shift in focus from the Athlete Academic Integrity to one that emphasizes academic honesty to the entire school. Dr. Boehmer authorized the committee to promote a culture of academic integrity. Committee is described on pages 13-14 of the statutes.

Can there be a repository of violations of academic integrity? There was a discussion about what can be done about violations of academic integrity. Faculty and students need more training regarding academic integrity.

Professor Kraus wants professors to come to committee with issues, suggestions, etc... Dr. Derr requested Professor Kraus send out an email to the campus.

Committee Reports:

Faculty Bylaws: Reid reported on the revision process of the Faculty Bylaws regarding Tenure and Promotion. Presented as information and raising questions about language and procedures.

The revisions include the following revisions:

- terminology changes (schools and deans instead of departments and chairs)
- a clause that defines the Faculty Senate role in reviewing and revising EGSC Tenure and Promotions policies, as the Board of Regents updates its policies
- Allows faculty an appeals process should their tenure or promotion be denied

Faculty Evaluation Revision Committee: 30 responses to the Survey Monkey. The data was incomplete. Lena will send it out the link again the second week of semester.

Unfinished Business:

Overload Policy: Dr. Mason addressed the issue of missing contracts for overloads. FS MSA Dr. Mason's proposal about having a timely return of overload contracts.

HR Modules: Dr. Derr reported that the changes regarding the timing we've requested have been ignored, so Dr. Vess may need to be involved.

New Business:

1. Dr. Derr addressed the lack of a drop policy. Should we, FS, propose some type of drop policy? Should Faculty have the power to drop the student if the student misses too many classes or is failing beyond the ability to pass? The majority of "F" grades are due to non-attendance to the point that it is a problem. Recommend it to Academic Policies. Dr. Derr was appointed to initiate a conversation with Dr. Vess about having a drop policy.
2. Dr. Mason acknowledged a problem with traveling athletes forging their travel papers. Dr. Mason created an academic status form for traveling athletes. FS MSA the academic status form.
3. Professor Andrews is gathering suggestions on how to improve enrollment and recruitment.
4. Convocation Committee was received as information. FS MSA the convocation committee as presented.

The next FS meeting is Friday, January 5, 2018. 10:30 A.M.

MSA to adjourn at 3:25.