

# **East Georgia State College Faculty Senate**

## **Meeting Minutes**

May 10, 2013

4:10 p.m. at Ware's in Swainsboro

Type of Meeting: Scheduled monthly meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Sandra Sharman, president

- I. Call to order: Dr. Derr called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm; a few Senate members were running late.
- II. Roll call: Dr. Walt Mason, Dr. Yelena White, Dr. Tori Kearns, Dr. Reid Derr, and Jessica Todd (Members who arrived at 4:20 pm: Dr. Sandra Sharman, Dr. Mina Vora). Mr. Bob Marsh was present as the USG Faculty Council Representative.
- III. Greeting of Visitors and Introduction of New Senators: Dr. Tom Caiazza and Mr. Ken Homer were visitors to the meeting. The newly elected FS members Dr. Alan Brasher and Mrs. Pat Homer were also in attendance.
- IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting: There was a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion was accepted and seconded. The minutes were approved.

Dr. Walt Mason made a motion to amend the agenda to add a meeting of the Faculty Senate to the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in June. (Dr. Sandra Sharman and Dr. Mina Vora arrived.) The motion was accepted. The motion was open to discussion, and there was a call for question. It was decided that on June 7<sup>th</sup> at a time to be determined the Faculty Senate would meet again.

### V. Open issues

1. Updating and publication of amended FS bylaws: It was decided by the FS that the amended FS bylaws be published on D2L, and a copy of the revised bylaws be sent via email to all faculty.
2. Bob Marsh report from USG Faculty Council: Mr. Bob Marsh explained the topics which were discussed at the last USG Faculty Council meeting, which took place on April 20<sup>th</sup>. For instance, topics included looking at the # of degrees colleges were conferring, counting the number of students who graduate, looking at Learning Support, and how Complete College Georgia will be implemented. Mr. Marsh encouraged the FS to look over the list of topics he provided and see which issues they were interested in, so that they could bring the issues to the faculty as a whole. Dr. Yelena White volunteered to send out an email with possible discussion topics from the USG meeting to see what faculty are interesting in discussing and add these topics to the Faculty Senate agenda.

3. Recognize receipt of Ken Homer's Statement on Academic Preparedness as information: A brief acknowledgement of how ill prepared students are for college was made in regard to Mr. Ken Homer's Statement on Academic Preparedness.

## **VI. New business**

### 1. Business from Academic Policies Committee

- a. SPED 2000: There was a discussion on whether or not SPED 2000 is a course that EGSC needs to offer its Education majors. A few FS members believed that this course could be acquired at another college or institute, and did not support the motion to adopt SPED 2000. However, when voted on, the motion to adopt SPED 2000 passed (4 to 3).

b. Changes in Area F in Forestry and Business Education: The motion to adopt the changes in Area F in Forestry was seconded and passed. The motion to adopt changes to Area F for Business Education was seconded and passed. (Both motions were passed unanimously.)

2. Discussion of Academic Honesty Policy: There was a 10 minute discussion regarding the Academic Honesty Policy. Further discussion will be moved to the agenda for the June meeting.

Small break to order dinner.

3. Discuss Guidelines for Conflicts between Academics and Athletics: Dr. White was given 10 minutes to discuss her suggestions for revising the Guidelines for Conflicts between Academics and Athletics. There has been a problem with athletes missing classes and labs; athletes wish to make these up, but it is creating a hardship for the professors who have labs because of the time and effort it takes to set up lab assignments.

There was a discussion regarding the student's responsibility for notifying faculty when he/she has to miss class due to a game or athletic event. For instance, there is a discrepancy between when the players are required to load their gear, be at the field, or at the bus to leave. Student athletes sometimes miss class because they are putting their equipment on the bus or are warming up for a game, and do not notify the faculty member as why they are absent until after the fact.

The idea of creating a subcommittee in regard to this issue was raised. For instance, Dr. White could Chair the subcommittee and ask someone from the Registrar's Office to serve on the subcommittee as well. The subcommittee could formulate ideas and rules for early registration for athletes to prevent conflicts between academics and athletics from occurring.

There was a motion to adjourn until the June meeting due to dinner arriving; motion was seconded and approved.

All remaining items on the agenda will need to be moved to the June meeting.