

# East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

## Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2017

1:40 pm, George L. Smith Conference Room at EGSC, Swainsboro

and by polycom to Statesboro

Type of meeting: Regular meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Lena White, President

- I. Call to order (1:40 pm.)
- II. Roll call: Dr. Walt Mason, Dr. Lena White, Dr. Breana Simmons, Shawna Williams and Dr. Reid Derr (by polycom in Statesboro). Da'Mon Andrews and Jessica Todd were absent.
- III. Greeting of Visitors: none
- IV. It was moved, seconded, and approved (MSA) to receive the minutes of the March 24, 2017, meeting.
- V. Committee Reports: none
- VI. Unfinished Business:
  - (1) The Humanities School election process for two new faculty senators is ongoing and is supposed to be concluded by the end of April.
  - (2) Faculty Senate has received from Dr. Dee McKinney the final copy of the Online Best Practices statement.
  - (3) The formation of the Faculty Senate subcommittee concerning the deans' Faculty Annual Evaluations is also in process. President Lena White will seek interested committee members this summer. Breanna Simmons has talked with Dr. Lee Cheek about his proposals to revamp these evaluations. (See the March 24, 2017, minutes for more details on the proposed makeup of this committee.)
  - (4) Reid Derr will invite Human Resources director, Tracy Woods, to our next stated meeting to discuss the mandatory training modules and their scheduling.
- VII. Open Issues: Discussion commenced on a series of issues presented as information.
  - (1) It is the opinion of some Statesboro faculty members that EGSC is accepting foreign students without adequate facility in the English language, which is difficult for faculty members but also sets up these students for failure.

- (2) Members of the School of Math and Science are concerned that the Mobile Cause fundraising effort is not voluntary for faculty and students, but is administered in a coercive manner, including shaming and humiliation of those not participating.
- a) The next scheduled meeting of the Senate will be held in Swainsboro on Friday, May 12, at 9 a.m. in the George L. Smith Conference Room, with polycom to Statesboro.

Adjournment: MSA to adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

Reid Derr, temporary secretary