

East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2015

1:00 p.m. in EGSC Statesboro, Conference Room – Polycom to Swainsboro

Type of meeting: Regular meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Walt Mason, President

- I. Call to order (1:00 p.m.)
- II. Roll call: Dr. Walt Mason, Dr. Reid Derr, Dr. Breana Simmons, Mr. John Blackburn, Mr. Bob Marsh, Mr. Lindy Blount, and Ms. Jessica Todd.
- III. Greeting of Visitors – Charles Wimberly, AD, David Gribbin & Lee Cheek, Dean
- IV. Approval of Minutes from September: There was a motion by Dr. Simmons to approve the Sept 18th meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Mr. Blount and approved by the committee. There was a motion by Dr. Derr to approve the Sept 28th meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Dr. Simmons and approved by the committee.
- V. Committee Reports
 1. Faculty Senate By-Laws: Dr. Derr and Mr. Marsh asked that this item be moved to the November meeting.
 2. Committee on Post Tenure Review- Dr. Simmons asked that this item be moved to the November meeting.
- VI. Open Issues
 1. Culture of Respect Task Force – Dr. Cheek is chairing this committee; he has been tasked with creating a statement that would set a standard for discourse and interactions among faculty/staff/students that are in line with Board of Regents policy, and encourage greater cultural interaction on campus. Dr. Cheek discussed a few items on this committee’s agenda: 1) creating the statement 2) creating a dedicated culture of respect website and 3) creating a code of ethics in the spirit of the Culture of Respect Task Force.
- VII. New Business

1. Correll Scholarship course (COSP 1102) – Dr. Cheek briefly explained how the Correll Scholarship course is teaching students about the area in which they live and how to become better stewards in their community. There was a motion by Dr. Derr to approve this course, and it was seconded by Mr. Marsh. There was a call for discussion raised by Dr. Simmons. She wished to know how each course will vary since they share a similar layout of speakers and topics. Dr. Cheek responded that the layout and speakers were similar in order to keep continuity. However, the course is in a refinement stage or learning stage at the moment. In addition, they are opening up service opportunities. There was a call to question. The motion to approve this course was passed. [Dr. Cheek left the meeting]

2. Service Seal of Distinction Criteria – There was a motion made by Dr. Simmons to approve this proposal. It was seconded by Dr. Derr. A call for discussion was made by Dr. Derr. He inquired whether this service seal applied to service to the college and/or service to the community. This question was made in regard to club activities that may count as service. Mr. Blount asked would serving on the newspaper or writing for a literary magazine on campus qualify as service. David Gribbin stated that all of these would be considered service (service club activities, community service, and writing for the school publications). A call to question was made. The Service Seal of Distinction was approved. [Dr. Gribbin left the meeting]

3. Athletic Grades & Away Game communication – The Athletic Director, Charles Wimberly, expressed to the Faculty Senate that grades and an education were his top priority for his athletes. He asked the faculty what would be the easiest method to keep coaches apprised of athletes' academic progress. For instance, would faculty rather receive an email asking for a progress report on the athlete or allow coaches access to their D2L. Dr. Mason asked Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Wimberly to check on the faculty stance towards this issue.

Mr. Wimberly also addressed the issue of athletes missing class for games. He offered to send an email with the schedule of when athletes are leaving for games as well as an updated athlete roster to prevent students from missing class under false pretenses. [Mr. Wimberly left the meeting]

4. Release time for FS President – Dr. Derr made a motion to accept the resolution based on the workload of the Faculty Senate President. There was a second. A call for discussion was made. There was discussion over which paragraph should be used in the resolution, the 1st or 2nd option. The faculty senate chose the 2nd option. In addition, there was an issue with wording regarding the release for each semester the faculty member served as president. Therefore, it was recommended that “per

semester” be added before “during the semesters he or she serves as President of the Senate.” Per semester was also added after “twelve (12) semester hours,” limiting the number of hours a Faculty Senate President could teach due to the number of vast hours spent at required committee meetings other than Faculty Senate meetings. There was a motion to accept the amendment to the resolution. The motion was seconded and approved by the committee.[See below]

The approved amendment should read: “Be it resolved by the Faculty Senate that the President of the College and the Dean of the school to which the President of the Faculty Senate belongs grant the President of the Faculty Senate at least three hours course release **per semester** during the semesters he or she serves as President of the Senate and that he or she shall teach classes totaling no more than twelve (12) semester hours **per semester** during his or her time of service as President of the Senate.”

- VIII. Adjournment- Mr. Blackburn made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Dr. Simmons. The Faculty Senate approved, and the meeting adjourned at 1:47 pm.