

Faculty Meeting: August 14, 2023

1. Joanne Ardivini calls the meeting to order at 9:00 am
2. About 60 attended in-person and seven attended virtually.
3. Amanda Duffus moves to nominate Richard Schmude, Jr. at Faculty Meeting Secretary and Victor Vilchez seconds the motion. The motion was approved.
4. Joanne Ardivini moves to suspend Roberts' Rules to announce the agenda for the meeting.
5. Teresa Stanley, moves to approve the minutes of the May 2023 faculty meeting, Bernie Anderson Seconds the motion and the minutes are approved.
6. Dr. Donald Green talks about the status of Gordon State College and how we will improve our status. He discusses Enrollment, Retention, Recruitment, and possible new degrees. He also stressed the importance of reminding students of the importance of graduation.
7. Amber Isbell speaks about textbooks and Inclusive access.
8. Joanne Ardivini announces a new initiative called "Steppingblocks" which is a digital career counselor for our students. She then introduced Professor Michele Anderson (Lecturer of Education). She also briefly discussed the organization and responsibilities of Academic affairs and the different schools. She then allowed several individuals to discuss specific topics.
 - a. Bernie Anderson distributes ballots for committee elections which are for Post Tenure Review Committee, Human Subjects Review Committee & Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.
 - b. Steve Raynie discusses Course Syllabi and making them more inclusive.
 - c. Scott Schubitz discusses the mentoring program.
 - d. Ric Calhoun discusses online learning. He reports that over 2400 students are taking at least one online class.
 - e. Joanne Ardivini then discusses the "apples to peach" initiative. Essentially, it is less expensive for some people to pay out-of-state tuition to come to Gordon State College, then it is to pay in-state tuition.
9. The meeting was adjourned at about 11 am.