Gordon State College Faculty Senate
Approved Minutes
Monday April 27, 2015

Senate Members Present
Marlin Adams, Susan Byars, Chad Davies, Beverly Eskridge, Greg Hartman, Brenda Johnson, Marc Muneal, Andy Osborne, Jeremy Richards, Jeffery Rogers, LaRonda Sanders-Senu, Pam Terry, Wesley Venus, Jeff White, President Max Burns, Interim Provost and VPAA Jeff Knighton

Senate Members: Absent
Rebecca Morgan, Patricia Stewart

Call to Order:
Senator White, Chair of the Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Suspension of the Rules:
Rules were suspended to allow non-senators to speak.

Approval of Minutes:
Minutes of the March 30, 2015 meeting were approved.

Committee Reports:
   a. Academic Judicial: This committee has not met since the initial meeting in September 2014. End of Year Report.
   b. Academic Policy: The APC met on March 18 and approved a number of items to be presented at today’s meeting. Need End of Year Report.
   c. AARRFA: This committee had nothing new to report since the last Faculty Senate meeting. Need End of Year Report.
   d. Assessment Committee: This committee had nothing new to report since the last Faculty Senate meeting. End of Year Report.
   e. Budget Advisory: This committee met on April 8 and heard an update from the President, Provost, and Clint Chastain on the budget. End of Year Report.
   f. Faculty Development Committee: This committee met on Wednesday, April 1, and reviewed Faculty Development Grant proposals. Award paperwork should be completed by April 30. Need End of Year Report.
   g. Faculty Welfare: The Faculty Welfare Committee has met every Monday and Wednesday since the last Faculty Senate meeting to work on Sections 5, 7, 8 and 10 and appendices of the Faculty Handbook. Need End of Year Report.
h. **Gordon State College Statutes Committee**: This committee has not met since the last Faculty Senate Meeting. Need End of Year Report.

i. **Instructional Technology**: This committee has not met since the last Faculty Senate meeting. Need End of Year Report.

j. **Library Committee**: This committee reports that the library move will occur in June-July. The physical library building will be closed for one year, and library offices will be housed in the IC Building (112, 116, and 117). Need End of Year Report.

k. **Planning Committee**: The Planning Committee met on April 8 and completed their work for the year. Need End of Year Report.

3. **Proposals for consideration**

   **A. Old Business**
   Faculty Welfare Committee Proposal for approval of:
   a. Chapters 5-7 of the Faculty Handbook.
   b. Chapters 8-10 Appendices of the Faculty Handbook.

   Discussion was led by Senator Eskridge. She stated that the wording used in sections 7.6.2.1.1, 7.6.2.1.2., and 7.6.2.1.3 be revised to match the Faculty Welfare Approved appendices. The term “Division Head” should be replaced with “Head of Academic Unit.” Both Proposals a. and b. were subsequently approved.

   **B. New Business**
   The following proposals were approved by the APC at its March 18 meeting to be presented to the Faculty Senate.
   I. A proposal from Distance Learning to change the assessment requirements for online courses was submitted. Following a lively discussion focusing on the possibilities of leaving too much opportunity for cheating, this motion was disapproved.
   II. Proposals from the Registrar.
   a. A proposal to adopt changes to the USG required high school curriculum policy was approved.
   b. A proposal was approved to adopt changes modifying credit received in the DANTES/DSST Here’s to Your Health program which involve testing out of physical education.
   III. A proposal for changes to the nursing/ASN program was approved without discussion.
   IV. Honors Program.
   a. A new catalog document was approved.
   b. A new course proposal for HIST 1121H was approved.
   c. A proposal for a process to create COLQ 2995H was approved.
V. Proposals from the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences
   a. Proposals from Biology
      i. The faculty Senate approved the proposal to remove the following Areas F:
         Forestry
         Environmental Resources Science
         Occupational Therapy (transfer)
         Respiratory Therapy (transfer)
         Medical Technology (transfer)
         Physical Therapy (transfer)
      ii. Proposals to eliminate courses BIOL 2225 and BIOL 2235 were approved.
      iii. Proposals to alter courses BIOL 2211 and BIOL 3100 were approved.
   b. Proposals from Business and Public Service
      i. A proposal to list the BS in Management and Administration in the 2015-2016 Catalog was approved.
      ii. A proposal to alter the pre-requisites for MGNT 3600 and MGNT 3700 was approved.
      iii. A proposal to alter HUSV 4900 was approved.
   c. Proposals from Humanities
      i. Proposals for new courses ENGL 3911, ENGL 3912 and ENGL 3920 were approved.
      ii. A motion to approve a proposal to eliminate ENGL 3910 was tabled.

VI. Academic Affairs provided information on eCore. Interim Provost and VP for Academic Affairs Knighton stated that Gordon State has become an eCore affiliate. We can count these students, but there have been concerns that eCore would compete with our online courses, all of which are currently full. The eCore courses are more expensive than our courses. Grade appeals for them are handled through the University of West Georgia. There will be more discussion at a later date.

4. Election of Faculty Senate Officers for AY 2015-2016
   A. Senator Andy Osborne was named Chair-elect.
   B. Senator Beverly Eskridge was elected Senate Secretary.
   C. The position of Senate Parliamentarian remained open.

5. Comments:
   Interim Provost and VPAA Jeff Knighton reminded Senators of the upcoming Faculty meeting on April 29 at 2:00 in Russell 211. He also expressed a thank-you to Professor Jeff White for his work as Chair of the Faculty Senate during this academic year.
President Max Burns added his expressions of thanks to the Senate and the Faculty Welfare Committee for all their hard work during the year in completing the Faculty Handbook. He reminded Senators of graduation to be held on May 8 on the green.

Senator Johnson reminded fellow senators that formatting of the Faculty Handbook needed to be accomplished and that the Senate had not approved presenting the Handbook to the full faculty. Senator Osborne moved to combine proposals for these actions into one. It was moved and seconded to make format and errata changes only to the Handbook and to present it to the full faculty. This was approved.

5. Adjournment
Senate Chair Jeff White adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Pam Terry
Secretary
Gordon State College Faculty Senate