Faculty Senate Members Present: Prof. Marlin Adams, Dr. Michael Bender, Dr. Ric Calhoun, Prof. Beverly Eskridge, Dr. Brenda Johnson, Dr. Mark King, Prof. Rebecca Morgan, Dr. Andy Osborne, Dr. Lynn Rumfelt, Dr. LaRonda Sanders-Senu, Dr. Richard Schmude, Dr. Wesley Venus, Prof. Mickie Weldon

Faculty Senate Members Absent: Dr. Theresa Buchanan, Prof. Bruce Capers, Dr. Jeff Rogers

Faculty Senate Non-Voting Members:
President Max Burns, Interim Provost & VPAA Jeffery Knighton

Call to Order:

Senator, Chair Elect and Interim Chair Dr. Andy Osborne

Chair of the Faculty Senate

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the February 22, 2016 Faculty Senate Meeting were approved.

Committee Reports:

Academic Judicial Committee
Senator(s): Dr. Richard Schmude and Prof. Mickie Weldon
Chair: Dr. Amanda Duffus
Recorder: Prof. Anissa Howard
Report: No meeting.

Academic Policy Committee
Senator(s): Professor Marlin Adams
Chair: Dr. Bernie Anderson
Recorder: Dr. Lynn Rumfelt
Meeting: March 21, 2016
Report: Critical Thinking Perspective and Global Perspective will no longer be used as a graduation requirement. Items from the February 29, 2016 APC meeting are on the March 28, 2016 Faculty Senate Agenda under New Business. Discussed at the March 21, 2016 meeting - the proposal to add an honors section of an existing course, the elimination of two courses, altering five courses and the Baccalaureate program, Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, creating a new course, and a memo from Interim
Provost and VPAA Jeff Knighton on proposed new associate degree programs. All proposals were approved.

AARRFA (Admissions, Advisement, Registration, Retention, and Financial Aid Committee)
Senator(s): Dr. LaRonda Sanders-Senu
Chair: Dr. Neil Boumpani
Recorder: Dr. LaRonda Sanders-Senu
Report: No meeting.

Assessment Committee
Senator(s): Dr. Lynn Rumfelt
Chair: Dr. Lynn Rumfelt
Recorder: Dr. Brian Webb
Meeting: March 2 and March 23, 2016
Report: Work continued on the Assessment of the Programs of BS Math/Math with Teacher Certification and BS Biology/Biology with Teacher Certification. The next scheduled meeting is March 30th at 2PM in Russell 325.

Budget Advisory Committee
Senator(s): Dr. Ric Calhoun
Chair: Dr. Susan Finazzo
Recorder: Dr. Masoud Nourizadeh
Meeting: February 26, 2016
Report: The committee reviewed Division/Department Budget Requests for fiscal year 2017, which were distributed by the Planning Committee. The Budget Committee assessed these requests and prioritized them in terms of their implication and how they would best relate to the mission of our institution. The prioritized requests were forwarded to the President.

Faculty Development Committee
Senator(s): Dr. Mark King
Chair: Dr. Prathibha Joshi
Recorder: Dr. Rhonda Wilcox
Report: No meeting. The committee will meet on March 30, 2016 to consider sixteen faculty requests for funding proposals.

Faculty Welfare Committee
Senator(s): Dr. Michael Bender and Professor Bruce Capers
Chair: Dr. Phillip Jen
Recorder: Dr. Michael Bender
Meeting: January 27, February 3, 17, 24, and March 23, 2016
Report: Work has continued to focus on revisions to the Faculty Handbook. Dr. Jen resigned from the committee at the February 24th meeting. Dr. Frank Winters volunteered and was elected as the new Chair. Dr. Cris Fermin-Ennis volunteered to fill the Biology and Physical Sciences Representative vacancy on the committee. The committee completed and voted to send Chapters 8-10 and Appendix A to the Senate for review. The Senate should now have chapters 1-10, Appendix A and a relatively complete and revised version of the Handbook. The committee will meet again April 11, prior to that meeting committee members will be seeking input from the Faculty concerning welfare issues
that may have been overlooked due to the committee’s focus on the Handbook. Please bring any welfare issues to the attention of a committee member. Although the academic year likely prevents resolution of many of these issues, they will be recorded in the minutes and will hopefully be noted as items for the committee to consider beginning in the next academic year.

General Education Committee
Senator(s): Dr. Theresa Buchanan
Chair: Dr. Theresa Stanley
Recorder: Dr. Masoud Nourizadeh
Report: The General Education Committee has not met since the last faculty senate meeting. The next scheduled meeting is April 11, 2016 at 2 pm.

Gordon State College Statutes Committee
Chair: Dr. Jeffrey Rogers
Chair-Elect: Dr. Andy Osborne
Recorder: Prof. Beverly Eskridge
Parliamentarian: Dr. Brenda Johnson
Meeting: March 14, 2016
Report: The results of the meeting appeared on the March 28, 2016 agenda.

Instructional Technology Committee
Senator(s): Dr. Wesley Venus
Chair: Dr. Melinda Hawley
Recorder: Dr. Erica Johnson
Report: No meeting.

Library Committee
Senator(s): Dr. Brenda Johnson
Chair: Dr. Cindy Casebeer
Recorder: Dr. Franklin Williamson
Report: No meeting. However, progress is noted on the Library Renovation project and we look forward to the upcoming open house.

Planning Committee
Senator(s): Dr. Andy Osborne
Chair: Dr. Adam Davis
Recorder: Dr. Becky Godlasky
Meeting: February 26, 2016
Report: Met jointly with the Budget Advisory Committee. See Budget Advisory Committee report above.

Old Business:

Report on Faculty Handbook, Section 2.2.1 - Interim Provost and VPAA Jeff Knighton addressed the question about teaching load from the February 22, 2016 Faculty Senate Meeting. According to Board of Regents policy, teaching loads are at the discretion of the president. Dr. Knighton stated that Dean Finazzo is working with the biology and lab sciences faculty on this issue.
New Business:

Proposals for Consideration: Academic Policy Committee

a. APC Memo of February 29, 2016
b. Eliminate an Area F - Dental
c. Eliminate an Area F – Radiologic Sciences Transfer
d. Eliminate an Area F – Physician Assistant Transfer
e. Eliminate Current Course – Advanced Grammar & Composition
f. Area F Communication Alteration Proposal
g. Area B Overview (Support for COLQ 2900)
h. COLQ 2900 Fine and Performing Arts Colloquium Syllabus (Support for COLQ 2900)
i. New Course Proposal COLQ 2900
j. Courses Approved for Students in Learning Support
k. Proposal to Change LS THEA approved courses 2
l. Proposal to Change LS THEA approved courses 3

Action taken: Where appropriate items were joined (Items b, c, d and j, k, l). All actionable items were approved.

Proposals for Consideration: Statutes Committee

I. Second Reading
   a. Proposal to Amend Statutes – Final Exams
      Action taken: Approved.

   b. Proposal to Amend Statutes – Promotion and Tenure
      Action taken: Passed as amended. Amended to change “chairs” to “college”.

   c. Faculty Handbook, Chapters 5-7
      Action taken: Approved as written.

II. First Reading
    Proposal to Amend Statutes – Instructional Technology and eLearning Committee

Announcements:

Interim Provost & VPAA Jeffery Knighton

Dr. Knighton shared some dates for upcoming campus events. Tomorrow, March 29th, the Department of History & Political Science is hosting a guest speaker Dr. Kurt Piehler. He will present “FDR and the Religious Life of American GIs in World War II” at 7:00 pm in NAHS 123. On Wednesday, March 30th the GSC Bookstore will be hosting a book signing for author Branisha Hollis from 2 pm-5 pm. The Teaching Matters Conference will be held on campus April 1-2. On Wednesday, April 6 the GSC theatre
department will perform “Honky”. On Friday, April 8th the Undergraduate Research Symposium will be held. Dr. Knighton mentioned the three overlay requirements – US Perspective, Global Perspective, and Critical Thinking Perspectives have been eliminated from the Core Curriculum by the Board of Regents. This will facilitate an immediate catalog change.

President Max Burns

Dr. Burns introduced Lectra Lawhorne, Associate CIO and Assistant Vice President of Information Technology, at Kennesaw State University. Ms. Lawhorne is “shadowing” him. He reported on the success of Founders Day. The amount raised was more than double what has been raised in prior years. Over $50,000 was raised in one evening. In the last three years four scholarships have been funded. He announced that the ribbon cutting for the renovated library will be on April 21, 2016. Former Interim GSC President Shelley Nickel will attend. He stated that the budget process is continuing and that the USG fared quite well. At GSC we can expect a flat budget. Graduation will be May 6, 2016. Regent Larry Walker, a former speaker of the Georgia House, will be the graduation speaker. The search for the position of Provost & VPAA has begun. There will be no attendance policy at GSC rather there will be an engagement policy. For a W, WF, F, and I, a last day of engagement must be reported. Dr. Burns was asked about the status of the Georgia Carry Bill. He responded that he isn’t sure what the governor will do with the bill. He reminded the senate that next year the meeting hour will be at 3:30 pm.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned 3:30 pm. The next Faculty Senate Meeting will be April 18, 2016.

Professor Beverly M. Eskridge
Secretary
Gordon State College Faculty Senate