Call to Order

Senator Osborne, Chair of the Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Dr. James Awbrey, Dr. Kris Beck, Dr. Theresa Buchannan, President Max Burns, Dr. Ric Calhoun, Professor Beverly Eskridge, Dr. Mark King, VPAA and Provost Jeff Knighton, Professor Rebecca Morgan, Dr. Andy Osborne, Professor Tony Pearson, Dr. Steve Raynie, Dr. Lynn Rumfelt, Dr. LaRonda Sanders-Senu, Professor Mickie Weldon, Dr. Frank Winters

Members Absent:

Dr. Mike Bender, Professor Bruce Capers

Quorum met? Yes/No

The Faculty Senate had a quorum.

Suspension of the Rules

Senator Raynie made a motion to allow non-senators to speak. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2016 Meeting

Senator Eskridge made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on September 19, 2016. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Academic Assessment
The Academic Assessment committee has not met since the last meeting. They will meet on October 31, 2016.

Academic Judicial
The Academic Judicial Committee met on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 3:30 PM in the SARC SGA conference room for training. Due to scheduling conflicts, not all members were able to attend. The training will be offered again on Wednesday, October 19th at 3:30 PM and Thursday, October 20th at 10:00 AM.
Academic Policy
The Academic Policy Committee met on October 3rd in Russell 326 at 3:30PM. The committee approved the following: A proposal to establish an official policy on double majors; Associate of Arts proposals for Art, Music, Theatre and Sociology; Associate of Science proposals for Business Administration, Chemistry, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, and Information Technology; A new course proposal for Quantitative Chemical Analysis. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30PM. The next meeting will be set after Prof. Beck receives proposals that require action.

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No Report

Budget Advisory
The Budget Committee met on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 in NAHS 120. The committee met in conjunction with the Planning Committee. The committee discussed the duties and responsibilities of the Planning and the Budget Committees. The committee agreed that the two committees should be merged. The joint meeting further defined the make-up of the combined future committee and sought to clarify some questions regarding voting eligibility. A motion was made to submit the request to combine the committees to the Statutes Committee. The motion passed without objections. The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 P.M. The next meeting is to be determined.

Faculty Development
The Faculty Development Committee has not met since the last Faculty Senate meeting

Faculty Welfare
The Faculty Welfare Committee met on October 5th and discussed minor revisions to the Faculty Handbook.

General Education
The General Education Committee met on September 28, 2016 at 3:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Student Center. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Kalisha Smith (Chair). The first order of business was to approve the minutes of the prior committee meeting. A motion was made and the motion was seconded and the minutes were approved by the committee. The next order of business was a teleconference regarding the administration of the ETS Proficiency Profile. Committee members listened to an outline of the testing process and asked questions about the administration of the test. It was agreed GSC will administer the paper version of the exam in this first trial. The structure of the exam, what data analysis will be provided and various implementation processes were discussed with the ETS Representative. The conference call was completed and members thanked the ETS rep.

The next business was to discuss the student data provided IR and Dr. Terry Betkowski. The committee agreed that sections of ENGL 1101 could provide data on over 800 of first time freshmen students. Dean Finazzo agreed to approach the Department of Humanities to consider the proposal. The committee then explored ideas for future administration of the exam that
would not burden the ENGL 1101 courses. The committee also discussed Student Learning Outcomes. Meeting adjourned at 4:46 P.M.

**GSC Statutes**
The Statues Committee met on October 13, 2016. They passed a motion to put the proposal to join the Planning and Budget Advisory Committees before the GSC Faculty Senate.

**Instructional Technology and eLearning**
The Instructional Technology and eLearning Committee has not met since the last meeting.

**Library**
The Library Committee met September 21, 2016 at 1430. Dr. Gaither discussed the budget, library usage statistics, Alma transition, and the SACSCOC initial report and focus report pertaining to the library. She reviewed last year’s recommendations from the library committee and gave a status update. Dr. Gaither requested that faculty communicate with library staff about assignments/projects used in their courses. This allows the staff to ensure resources are available to complete the assignments. Dr. Gaither is working on an electronic news letter to disseminate information to the faculty. Dr. Gaither wanted faculty to contact her if they are interested in math models (CREDO) that can be down loaded to brightspace (D2L) or purchasing books. Dr. Gaither also reviewed the Annual goals for the Library (revise/update policies and procedures, revise and update webpage, revamp library instruction program, and review/increase assessment program). The library committee will meet again October 31st at 1530.

**Planning**
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**Unfinished Business**

1. **Proposal to Alter the Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Education Program**

   The Faculty Senate noted the absence of necessary signatures from Math and English faculty on the Proposal to Alter the Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Education Program. Senator Raynie made a motion that he (English) and Senator Weldon (Math) would sign the documents. The motion carried.

   Senator Rummelt made a motion that the proposal be accepted with the proposed signatures. The motion carried.
New Business

1. Change to GSC Statutes
   The Proposal to combine the Business and Planning Committees received an initial reading by the Senate.

2. Academic Policy Committee Proposals
   a. Senator Beck made a motion to accept the new course proposal for CHEM 2300. The motion carried.
   b. Senator Pearson made the motion to accept the Proposal for the Associate of Arts Degree in Sociology. The motion carried.
   c. Senator Pearson made the motion to accept a proposal for the Associate of Science Degree in Business Administration. The motion carried.
   d. The Faculty Senate noted the absence of one necessary signature on the Proposal for the Associate of Science Degree in Computer Science. Senator Pearson made a motion to accept the motion as written. The motion was defeated.
   e. Senator Eskridge made the motion to accept a proposal for the Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. The motion carried.
   f. Senator Pearson made the motion to accept a proposal for the Associate of Science Degree in Information Technology. The motion carried.

Acknowledgements

The Gordon State College Faculty Senate recognizes all of the committees of the Faculty Senate and the academic units that worked to get the new associate program proposals to the Senate.

Remarks

VPAA and Provost Jeff Knighton and President Max Burns both made remarks.

Adjournment

Senator Morgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Osborne at 4:03 P.M.

Minutes recorded by Senator LaRonda Sanders-Senu