Faculty Senate Meeting
Approved Minutes
Gordon State College
Monday, February 20, 2017
NAHS 117 at 3:30 P.M.

Call to Order

Senator Osborne, Chair of the Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order at 3:32 P.M.

Members Present:

Dr. James Awbrey, Dr. Mike Bender, Dr. Theresa Buchanan, President Max Burns, Dr. Ric Calhoun, Dr. Mark King, VPAA and Provost Jeff Knighton, Dr. Andy Osborne, Professor Tony Pearson, Dr. Steve Raynie, Dr. Lynn Rumfelt, Dr. LaRonda Sanders-Senu, Professor Mickie Weldon, Dr. Frank Winters, Professor Jeff White

Members Absent:
Dr. Kris Beck, Professor Beverly Eskridge, Professor Rebecca Morgan

Quorum met? Yes/No

The Faculty Senate had a quorum.

Suspension of the Rules

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

Approval of Minutes from January 23, 2017 Meeting

Senator King made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on January 23, 2017. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Academic Assessment
The Assessment Committee met February 6, 2017 at 3:30. The committee discussed several changes to the CPR form. There was unanimous approval to accept the CPR form pending the revisions suggested by the Academic Assessment Committee. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Academic Judicial
The committee has not met since the last Faculty Senate Meeting.
Academic Policy
APC met on Monday, February 6, 2017 in Russell Hall 325 at 3:30 P.M. The new program proposal AA Psychology was approved with the provision that updated proposal with additional signatures be provided to Dr. Beck. The BSMA Form to Alter a Baccalaureate Program revised was approved with same provision as above. The HUSV Form to Alter a Baccalaureate Program revised was tabled until the next meeting. The MUSC 2510 and MUSC 2511 Course Alteration was approved, removing MUSC 1101 and 1201 as prerequisites. The Proposal to alter BA in English for Area C was approved, removing an artificial barrier for registration into upper level English courses for non-majors who opt to take philosophy for area C. Dr. Raynie gave a presentation on Gordon PLUS. The meeting was adjourned at 4 :56pm.

AARRFA
The committee has not met since the last Faculty Senate Meeting.

Budget Advisory
The Budget Advisory Committee attempted to meet on Friday, February 24 at 9AM. They were unable to reach a quorum. With their deadline looming, it was decided to forward the work that they had completed directly to the President's office. No other meetings are planned at this time.

Faculty Development
The committee has not met since the last Faculty Senate Meeting. A request for proposals was sent out via email on 7 February 2017 and the deadline is 22 March 2017 (Wednesday).

Faculty Welfare
No Report

General Education
The General Education Committee met on February 2, 2017. Minutes from the most recent meeting (September 28, 2016) was approved. The Committee discussed the ETS assessment processes. In the Fall 2016, the ETS PP was administered in all ENGL 1101 courses to gather data on incoming students. The Committee recommended expanding the administration of the exam to COLQ and capstone courses, beginning with the current (Spring 2017) semester. The Committee agreed that future assessment will be given to incoming freshmen each fall semester, then given to sophomore and junior students in COLQ classes and to seniors in capstone courses, each spring semester. The Committee discussed the option to add institution-specific questions to the exam and agreed to consult with ETS for examples of other institutions exercising this option. The ETS exams from Fall 2016 will be sent off for scoring and the Gen Ed Committee will discuss analysis of the data from these exams at its next meeting. The Committee agreed to ask Britt Lifsey to participate in this discussion.

GSC Statutes
The committee has not met since the last Faculty Senate Meeting.

Instructional Technology and eLearning
The IT committee met and discussed Chapter 10 of the Faculty Handbook only to learn later that such discussion was not needed.
Library
The library committee met Wednesday February 8th, 2017. The library committee members discussed creating a paragraph summarizing Library resources for faculty to include in their syllabus. The new Alma cataloging software and Primo search software will be integrated into existing GILFind. The new software goes live May 26, 2017. Library staff has prepared a series of workshops this summer 2017 for student and faculty training. There will be more training during fall 2017.

Planning
The Planning Committee met on January 30, 2017. Dr. Adam Davis corrected the record that the January 10th meeting was an official meeting of the Committee. The working meeting was only a subcommittee meeting and so no minutes were required. Dr. Davis reviewed the work of the subcommittee and then reviewed the timeline of work to be done with the plans by the Budget Advisory Committee, the department heads, and the cabinet. He also gave a quick update on the status of the merger of the Budget and Planning committees

New Business

1. Second reading of the Proposal to Amend Statutes: Teaching Load

   Senator Pearson made a motion to accept the proposal as written. The proposal carried.

2. Changes to the Faculty Handbook Chapters 8-9

   Senator Rumfelt made a motion to accept the proposed changes as written. The motion was defeated

Acknowledgements

The Gordon State College Faculty Senate recognizes the hard work of the Nursing Department and Computer Services’ work on the Gordon App.

Remarks

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

Adjournment

Senator Pearson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Osborne at 4:30 P.M.

Minutes recorded by Senator LaRonda Sanders-Senu