Faculty Senate Approved Minutes
Gordon State College
March 14, 2018, 3:30PM
NAHS 114

Call to Order: Chair of the Faculty Senate Lynn Rumfelt called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Faculty Senators present: James Awbrey (Business and Public Service), Kris Beck (History and Political Science), Henry Gore (Math and Computer Science), Melissa Harrison (Associate of Science in Nursing), Joyce Klaus (Biology and Physical Sciences), Wendy Martin (Associate of Science in Nursing), Erik McCarthy (Humanities), Jane-Marie McKinney (Business and Public Service), Courtney McLeod (Humanities), Andy Osborne (Biology and Physical Sciences), Tony Pearson (Fine and Performing Arts Programs), Caesar Perkowski (Humanities), Jim Rickerson (Hightower Collaborative Learning Center & Library), Lynn Rumfelt (Biology and Physical Sciences), Jeff White (School of Education)

Faculty Senators absent: Stephen Agyare (Health Information Management and Allied Health Depts.)

There was a quorum.

Non-Voting Members present: Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Knighton

Non-Voting Members absent: Interim President Rayfield

Suspension of the Rules: Senator Pearson moved to suspend the rules to allow non-senators to speak; the motion was seconded and adopted.

Approval of Minutes: Senator McLeod moved to approve the Minutes of the February 14, 2008 Senate meeting; the motion was seconded, and the Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports:

1. Academic Assessment Committee - Senator McCarthy

The committee met on February 21st in Russell 325. The two sub-committees assessing the ASN and BSN Programs reported their progress towards completing the CPR documents; a firm deadline was set for March 7th, with review and discussion by the full committee at a date yet to be determined.

2. Academic Judicial Committee - Senator Gore and Senator Harrison

No report

3. Academic Policy Committee - Senator Rickerson

The committee has met twice since the February 14th Senate meeting. On February 21st, the committee approved a number of proposals: 1) to alter the BS in Middle Grades Education; 2) to add new courses EDUC 4502 and EDUC 4503; 3) to alter Area F for General Studies; 4) to alter prerequisite requirements for MUSC 2510 and MUSC 2511; 5) to require FIRE 1000 for Area B; 6) to eliminate courses COLQ 2900 and COLQ 2910; 7) to add courses COLQ 2981, COLQ 2982, COLQ 2983, and COLQ 2985; 8) to change the name of FYRE 1000 to FIRE 1000. It was announced that the "K" designation has been reinstituted for biology courses with labs. Dr. Knighton spoke on the new Nexus degree approved by the BOR.

The committee met again on March 12th and approved several more proposals: 1) to add new course MGMT 4080; 2) to add new honors course MATH 1113H; 3) to alter course descriptions for BIOL 2210, BIOL 2211, BIOL 1107, BIOL 1108, and BIOL 1108H; 4) to change the prerequisite for ITEC 2245; 5) to change the prerequisite for NURS 3922. The proposal to eliminate GFYE 0097 was tabled until the next General Education Committee meeting. Dr. Hyde reminded the committee that new forms to submit course proposals are available on the Academic Affairs “Forms” page. Dr. Raynie distributed a draft of the new
guidelines and BOR criteria for Learning Support course requirements. The next meeting is scheduled for April 2\textsuperscript{nd} at 3:30, in IC 309.

4. Admissions, Advisement, Registration, Retention, and Financial Aid Committee - Senator McKinney

   No report

5. Budget Advisory Committee - Senator White

   The committee met on March 7\textsuperscript{th} in Smith 205 and ranked school and department budgetary requests, thus concluding the committee’s business for AY2017-18. A budget hearing will be held in NAHS 114 on April 11\textsuperscript{th}, 3:30-5:00 PM.

6. Faculty Development Committee - Senator Perkowski

   There has been no new business since the last report. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11\textsuperscript{th} at 3:30 PM in Russell 325. Proposals submitted by the March 28\textsuperscript{th} deadline will be reviewed.

7. Faculty Welfare Committee - Senator Osborne and Senator Klaus

   The committee met on March 5 and resumed old business: the twelve-month pay option, section 6.2 of the Faculty Handbook, and section 7.7.1 concerning Lecturer/Senior Lecturer promotion criteria. There was no new business on the agenda. The committee will next meet on April 9\textsuperscript{th} at 3:30 PM, in Library Conference Room 220.

8. General Education Committee - Senator Awbrey

   The committee discussed the problems reported with the current method of administering the ETS Test and some future alternatives to the 3-hour version.

   The results of the 3 waves (fall 2016, spring 2017, and fall 2017) of Gen Ed testing were reviewed and some concerns over validity were expressed.

   There was discussion about contacting representatives from Columbus State University for input on the use of ETS test as means of assessing Gen Ed outcomes.

   There was discussion about preparing a recommendation to send to the Faculty Senate, the Dean of Arts and Sciences, and the Provost on how to proceed with Gen Ed Assessment:

   a) The committee decided that currently scheduled exams in the Colloquia and Capstone Courses will be implemented as planned.

   b) The Committee proposed that no further ETS tests be administered after the end of the spring 2018 semester.

   c) The Committee decided to explore options on how GSC could formulate its own Gen Ed assessment instruments and protocols.

   The committee discussed creating subcommittees to prepare an “Executive Summary” of all testing data collected to date and submit a “White Paper” to share information on the rationale for adopting the ETS exam.

9. Gordon Statutes Committee - Senator Rumfelt

   The committee met on Feb 28\textsuperscript{th}. Members reviewed and approved an electronic version of the Form to Amend Statutes produced by Laura Shadrick which is now available on the N-drive, in the Forms folder in the Faculty Senate folder. The committee also discussed making electronic versions of two additional forms—the New Statute Form and Elimination of a Statute Form—and requested assistance from Laura Shadrick to produce these new forms.
The committee discussed adding two college committees to Gordon State College Statutes Chapter 3.2 Standing Committees of the College: the Honors Council and Science Olympiad Committee. Requests have been made to Dr. Janssen as Honors Council Program Coordinator, and Dr. Geoff Clement as Director Science Olympiad Committee, to work with their committees and write up the purpose, duties, and membership so these functioning committees may be added to the statutes.

The Admission Council is specified in Chapter 3.2.1; however, there is no link as a standing committee of the college. I have requested the Information Technology Department to add the purpose, duties, and membership as a link to the Standing Committees of the College webpage on February 28, 2018.

10. Instructional Technology & eLearning Committee - Senator Beck

   No Report

11. Library Committee - Senator Martin

   Dr. Gaither discussed the library website update, which will coincide with the college website update, and the proposed changes to the Library Committee name, purpose, committee composition, and duties. The changes will be voted on at the full faculty meeting April 30, 2018. 3. The Textbook Affordability council was formed. Members include: Dr. Lynn Rumfelt, Dr. Sonya Gaither, Dr. Anna Higgins-Harrell, Brenda Rutherford, Wanda Grant, Connie Wade, Sam Lifsey, Jody Defore, Justin White, Autumn Schafer, Ashley Kalle, and Princess Clarke.

12. Planning Committee - Senator Pearson

   No Report

Unfinished Business:

   None

New Business

1. Faculty Welfare Business

   i. Proposal to Amend Statutes from the Faculty Welfare Committee updating § 6.2 of the Faculty Handbook – first reading, no discussion per Gordon State College Statutes Chapter 6.3 (link: http://www.gordonstate.edu/statutes/chapter6).

2. Academic Policy Committee Business

   i. Proposal to alter Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Education (changing from two methods courses to one methods course)

      Discussion was opened by motion from Senator Osborne and was seconded. Without discussion, the alteration to the Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Education was approved by unanimous vote.

   ii. New Course Proposals for Middle Grades Education

      1. EDUC 4502, Middle School Seminar in Practicum II, (1-0-1)

         Discussion was opened by motion from Senator Osborne and was seconded. Without discussion, the alteration to EDUC 4502 was approved by unanimous vote.

      2. EDUC 4503, Middle School Practicum II, (0-12-3)
iii. Proposal to alter Area F for General Studies

Discussion was opened by motion from Senator Osborne and was seconded. Without discussion, the alteration to EDUC 4503 was approved by unanimous vote.

iv. Proposal to alter courses (allowing learning support students to take the courses)

1. MUSC 2510, Introduction to Music Technology, (2-1-3)
2. MUSC 2511, Basics of Studio Recording, (2-1-3)

Senator Rickerson moved to join MUSC 2510 and MUSC 2511; the motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote. Discussion was opened by motion from Senator Pearson and was seconded. Without discussion, the alterations to MUSC 2510 and MUSC 2511 were approved by unanimous vote.

v. Proposal to change the name of First Year Readiness and Engagement, FYRE 1000, to Freshman Introduction to Reasoning Essentials, FIRE 1000

Discussion was opened by motion from Senator Rickerson and was seconded. After a brief explanatory statement from Dr. Raynie followed by discussion, the name change was approved by unanimous vote.

vi. Proposal to alter Area B

Discussion was opened by motion from Senator Pearson and was seconded. Questions were raised regarding the implications of the proposal for transfer students and faculty workload and remuneration. After the proposal was defeated by majority vote, Senator White moved to re-vote by paper ballot; the motion was seconded and the proposal to alter Area B was defeated 6Y/8N, with one abstention.

vii. Proposal to eliminate courses

1. COLQ 2900, Fine & Performing Arts Colloquium, (1-0-1)
2. COLQ 2910, Humanities Colloquium, (1-0-1)

Discussion was opened by motion from Senator Gore and was seconded. Without discussion, the elimination of courses COLQ 2900 and 2910 was approved by unanimous vote.

viii. New Course Proposals for Area B

1. COLQ 2981, Foundations for Critical Thinking: Humanities, (2-0-2)
2. COLQ 2982, Foundations for Critical Thinking: Sciences, (2-0-2)
3. COLQ 2983, Foundations for Critical Thinking: Social Sciences, (2-0-2)
4. COLQ 2985, Foundations for Critical Thinking: Global Issues, (2-0-2)

With no approved motion to either join or discuss the new course proposals, there was spirited debate on whether they were in fact invalidated by the earlier defeat of the proposal to alter Area B. The proposals for COLQ 2981, COLQ 2982, COLQ 2983, and COLQ 2985 were de facto treated en masse and defeated by unanimous vote.

Announcements:

• Faculty Senate Chair Rumfelt reminded the Senate of the upcoming American Association of University Professors presentation to faculty by Steve Anthony, Executive Director and Governmental Affairs Liaison April 18, 2018 3:30-4:40PM in NAHS 123.
• Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Jeff Knighton announced the election of Laura Shadrick to the Board of Directors for the Provost and Academic Affairs Assistants in Higher Education, National Association (PA^3 HENA).

• Erica Madoni presented various campus initiatives and events supporting Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April, including a faculty/staff photo on the steps of Lambdin, scheduled for Friday, April 13th at 1:30 PM.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM by motion from Senator Pearson.

Recorded by Senator McCarthy