Faculty Senate Approved Meeting Minutes
Gordon State College
September 6, 2017, 3:30PM
NAHS 117

Call to Order: Chair of the Faculty Senate Lynn Rumfelt

Faculty Senators: James Awbrey (Business and Public Service), Kris Beck (History and Political Science), Theresa Buchanan (Bachelor of Science in Nursing Dept and Health Information Management Dept), 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), Cortney McLeod (Humanities), Andy Osborne (Biology and Physical Sciences), Caesar Perkowski (Humanities), Jim Rickerson (Hightower Collaborative Learning Center & Library), Lynn Rumfelt (Biology and Physical Sciences), Jeff White (School of Education)

Faculty members absent: Tony Pearson (Fine and Performing Arts Programs)

Non-Voting Members: President Burns, Provost and Vice President Academic Affairs Knighton

Suspension of the Rules: Suspension of the rules to allow non-senators to speak was motioned by Theresa Buchanan properly seconded and the motion adopted.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the last faculty senate meeting on August 16, 2017 were approved by majority vote.

Committee Reports:

1. Academic Assessment Committee - Senator McCarthy
2. Academic Judicial Committee - Senator Gore and Senator Harrison
3. Academic Policy Committee - Senator Rickerson
4. Admissions, Advisement, Registration, Retention, and Financial Aid Committee - Senator McKinney
5. Budget Advisory Committee - Senator White
6. Faculty Development Committee - Senator Perkowski
7. Faculty Welfare Committee - Senator Osborne and Senator Klaus (provided a summary report).
8. General Education Committee - Senator Awbrey
9. Gordon Statutes Committee - Senator Rumfelt
10. Instructional Technology & eLearning Committee 1 Senator certified to teach online at GSC – Senator Beck
11. Library Committee - Senator Martin
12. Planning Committee - Senator Pearson provided an electronic copy of the summary report and Senator Buchanan provided a verbal summary report.

Unfinished Business:

None
New Business:

i. Faculty Handbook Chapter 1.2.1.2 Corps of Instruction – President Burns remands changes to Faculty Senate for further review and consideration due to change is inconsistent with standard administrative policy and practice.

A motion was made by Theresa Buchanan to open the Faculty Handbook Chapter 1.2.1.2 Corps of Instruction for discussion, the motion was properly seconded and the motion adopted.

Kris Beck made a motion to send the Faculty Handbook Chapter 1.2.1.2 Corps of Instruction back to the Faculty Welfare Committee for discussion and review. The motion was properly seconded and the motion adopted.

ii. The first reading of proposed statute amendments to Faculty Senate Bylaws Appendix A. was completed by the members of the Faculty Senate. According to the Gordon State College Statutes Chapter 6 Amending the Statutes, Section 6.3, the proposed statute amendments are read only, without discussion or questions, as a first reading, when presented at Faculty Senate meeting. The second reading of the proposed statute amendment at the next scheduled Senate meeting is when discussion and questions occur prior to voting. This will be the first reading of these proposed statute amendments below.

   a. Appendix A Bylaws Article IV. Officers, Section 1. Officers, b) Chair
   b. Appendix A Bylaws Article IV. Officers, Section 1. Officers, c) Chair-Elect
   c. Appendix A Bylaws Article IV. Officers, Section 1. Officers, d) Secretary
   d. Appendix A Bylaws Article IV. Section 2. Executive Board
   e. Appendix A Bylaws Article VI. Committees Section 1. Subsection c. Annual Report
   f. Appendix A Bylaws Article IX. Presidential Response, Section 1. Chair of Faculty Senate recommendations to President

iii. Discuss recommending a meeting schedule for the academic year for standing committees of Faculty Senate to allow better scheduling of committee meetings, and improve committee work and participation of its members.

A motion was made by Theresa Buchanan to open discussion regarding a meeting schedule for the academic year for standing committees of Faculty Senate to allow better scheduling of committee meetings, and improve committee work and participation of its members. The motion was properly seconded and the motion adopted.

Lynn Rumfelt recommended forming an ad hoc committee to review a schedule for the academic year for standing committees of Faculty Senate to allow better scheduling of committee meetings, and improve committee work and participation of its members. Lynn Rumfelt requested volunteers from the faculty senate members to serve on this ad hoc committee. Faculty senate members who volunteered for the ad hoc committee include Lynn Rumfelt, James Awbrey, and Jim Rickerson.
iv. Rhonda Wilcox spoke to the faculty senate members about the purpose and benefits of membership in the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and the status of the Gordon State College AAUP chapter. The AAUP is an organization that supports university professors and gives a voice to faculty members. Dr. Wilcox would like for faculty senate members to speak to other faculty about the purpose of the AAUP and consider inviting an AAUP representative to come to Gordon State College to discuss and perhaps endorse a chapter for the AAUP on the Gordon State College campus. Dr. Burns states that he supports an active chapter of the AAUP on the Gordon State College campus.

Announcements:

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Jeff Knighton announced that during convocation Highlanders were given a passport to complete with ten tasks for each student to complete with the goal of improving retention. Dr. Knighton requests faculty support to engage students in completing the tasks. Five faculty members have signed up to play an active role at the Student Success Center. Jeff Knighton announced that Anna Higgins will soon have CETL fellow positions available.

President Max Burns announced that a search committee has been formed to assist in filling the position of Gordon State College President. Lynn Rumfelt and Theresa Betkowski are members of this committee. Dr. Burns is confident in the future of Gordon State College and the members of the search committee. As the faculty evaluate candidates for the position of Gordon State College President, Dr. Burns recommended the faculty should ensure that the candidate(s) recommended to the chancellor is/are strong and experienced leader for this important role. Dr. Burns also discussed that work is continued with the Carl Vincent Institute regarding compensation and that the cabinet has been charged with reviewing faculty workload. Enrollment changes over the past fall semesters was discussed as well as how enrollment affects the gross budget.

Adjournment: A motion for adjournment was made by Theresa Buchanan, appropriately seconded and approved by majority vote at 4:22PM.