

Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, January 29, 2016 9:00 am
Carter 1, Room 105

Present: Sam Peavy, Queen Brown, Chadwick Gugg, Rebecca Gee, Mark Laughlin, Courtney McDonald, Jamie MacLennan, Yangil Park, Brian Parkinson, Laurel Robinson, Rebecca Short, Thomas Weiland, Brian Adler (Ex-Officio)

Absent: Robert Bennett, Lee Ann Dalzell

1. Approval of the minutes from the November Meeting:

The January meeting of the Georgia Southwestern State University Faculty Senate was held at 9:00 AM on Friday, January 29, 2016 in Carter I, Room 105. The President of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Sam Peavy, was in the chair.

November 13, 2015 Faculty Senate Meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Professor Robinson to approve the minutes; seconded by Dr. Laughlin. Motion carried.

2. Items from Academic Affairs:

The President submitted the following for action:

A. BSED Health & PE Fall 2016 – Changes in PEDS courses. Motion was made by Professor Robinson to approve, seconded by Dr. Weiland. Motion carried.

B. Women's Studies Certificate – January 2016 – Name Change to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Certificate, proposal also included change in some course offerings. Motion was made by Dr. McDonald to approve, seconded by Dr. MacLennan. Motion carried.

C. Undergraduate Certificate in Information Technology – Fall 2016. Motion was made by Professor Robinson to approve, seconded by Dr. Weiland. After comparing the old and new curriculum sheets, Professor Robinson asked if upper division courses would be required for new certificate. Motion was made by Professor Robinson to table for clarification, seconded by Dr. Parkinson

D. Name changes to courses – ARTS 2000 - Women in Photography to Women, Gender, and Sexuality and WMST 2001 Introduction to Women's Studies were approved per request of the Senate President.

3. Changes to Faculty and Staff Awards

Professor Robinson - Motion was made to clarify nomination procedure by assigning the nomination process to department deans and unit administration since these individuals already have compilation of the evaluation, faculty activity reports of accomplishments in all three areas for their unit faculty. Feedback on the nominations will be provided by the Faculty Affairs Committee and the Staff Senate. A friendly amendment was made to change

award name from Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creative Works to Excellence in Scholarship (Dr. Sam Peavy). Motion seconded by Dr. Peavy. Motion approved.

A friendly amendment was made to include staff in the consideration for the advisement awards as well. Recommendation was made to consider Administrative Assistants also.

Dr. Short - Motion to combine annual Faculty and Staff Award Ceremony with Honors Convocation and hold the combined event once a year. Motion seconded by Dr. Peavy. Motion approved.

4. PAC / Strategic Planning (Brian Parkinson):

Dr. Parkinson discussed the goal of refining the language of the Mission Statement and getting it approved.

5. Spring General Faculty Meeting date:

Several dates in April were given. Friday, April 29, 2016 at 10:00am was agreed upon.

6. Other Items?

7. Next Meeting – February 2016

February 26, 2016 Possibly Library

March 18

April 22?

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Queen Brown