

Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, March 18, 2016 9:00 am
2nd Floor BHP Building, School of Business Conference Room

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

Guest: Helen Tate

1. Approval of the minutes from the February Meeting:

The March meeting of the Georgia Southwestern State University Faculty Senate was held at 9:00 AM on Friday, March 18, 2016 in the School of Business Conference Room. The President of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Sam Peavy, was in the chair.

The February 26, 2016 Faculty Senate Meeting revised minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Dr. Bennett to approve the revised minutes, seconded by Dr. Gugg. Motion carried.

2. Items from Academic Affairs:

The President submitted the following for action:

- A. School of Education – Revised proposal to convert PEDS 2000 – CPR and First Aid to online delivery. Motion was made by Professor Robinson to approve, seconded by Dr. Gugg. Motion approved.
- B. College of Arts and Sciences: Department of History and Political Science – Motion was made by Dr. Gugg to consider both proposals together, seconded by Professor Robinson. Motion approved. Motion was made by Professor Robinson to approve both proposals, seconded by Dr. Short. Motion approved.
 - 1. Changes to Area F, BA in History
 - 2. Changes to Area F, BA in History with Teacher Certification
- C. School of Business: Changes to requirements, BBA in Management. Motion was made by Dr. Bennett to approve the proposal, seconded by Dr. Gugg.

3. Students walking at graduation short of degree requirements (Dr. Helen Tate)

Dr. Tate addressed a concern brought about the potential for students marching at graduation without completing all the requirements for the degree. Since there is not a current policy and the decision to allow summer students to walk at graduation is made by her, she will take the lead in developing a written policy.

- 4. Advising Proposal:** Dr. Tate addressed the proposed change to the advising procedure. Professor Robinson motioned to oppose the proposal for change because she and other Senators felt this change would centralize advisement and consequently take away the opportunity for department/program faculty to advise students (freshmen) face-to-face to highlight features of the respective departments/programs on campus in an effort to increase interest and enrollment, seconded by Dr. Weiland. The Senate unanimously

voted to oppose the proposal. Dr. Tate asked the Faculty Senate to provide guidance by submitting written revisions to her because she thought the full faculty supported the proposal.

5. PAC/Strategic Planning (Brian Parkinson)

- A. Forums have been positive, well attended and have providing needed feedback from faculty and staff.
- B. To review and provide additional feedback, type in Strategic Planning in D2L and engage in Discussion Threads.

6. Guns and Tasers on campus:

Dr. Peavy asked Senate members to follow General Assembly decisions on these issues.

7. The next USG Faculty Council Meeting will be on April 15 at Valdosta State. Dr. Peavy will be attending this meeting. He noted that the gun issue will be on the agenda.

8. Other items?

9. Next Meeting – April 22, 2016. Will return to Library, asked Lee Ann Dazell to check on availability.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Queen Brown