

**Georgia Southwestern State University  
Faculty Senate Minutes**

**Date:** October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
**Place:** SGA Conference Room  
**Time:** 5:00 PM  
**Presiding:** Dr. Gary Fisk  
**Attendees:** Brian Alder, Kendall Blanchard, Kathy Barnetson, Carol Bishop, Genie Bryan, Ru Story-Huffman, Stephanie Harvey, Cecilia Maldonado, Paul Shapiro, Bonnie Simmons, Brian Smith, Anh-Hue Tu, Keaton Wynn

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Update from President</b>	<p>The following items were discussed by President Blanchard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The Board of Regents met recently and continued discussion of the <b>core curriculum</b>. An increase of online course offerings was encouraged. Targets of 4-6.4% of all credit hours from online classes were discussed. Some members of the Board felt that on-line classes help to increase graduation rates. Dr. Blanchard discussed the use of hybrid and alternative course offerings for GSW.</li> <li>(2) The <b>Christmas Party</b> will be held in conjunction with South Georgia Technical College in the Student Success Center. No Christmas cards will be sent from the Administrative Office.</li> </ul>	
<b>Update from VPAA</b>	<p>The following topics were discussed by Dr. Alder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Reported that the <b>Strategic Task Force</b> is doing a good job of compiling responses for missing statistics. The presentation of the new mission statement will be forthcoming.</li> <li>(2) A consultant will be brought in next week for looking at a <b>B.S. in Engineering Technology</b>.</li> <li>(3) The Board of Regents suggest a <b>2-year calendar</b> be available for advisement. The Academic Scheduling Committee will need 2 volunteers from the Senate to work on this with them.</li> <li>(4) Members were advised that at least 3 more <b>furlough days</b> will be required next semester.</li> </ul>	<p>Two volunteers will be needed from the Senate.</p>

	(5) <b>Health and Human Science Building</b> is on target for construction next academic year.	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Correction of spelling (Bryan from Bryant). Move to approve by R. Huffman. Seconded by S. Harvey.	Unanimously approved with correction.
<b>Updates from Dr. Fisk</b>	<p><b>SACS 5<sup>th</sup> Year Report</b> – Dr. Fisk reported that the request to extend the deadline from March to May was denied. Dr. Bryan Davis has asked that administrative personnel gather data for the report, but work is moving rather slowly.</p> <p>Carol Bishop explained that a committee of 6 members is working on the mission statement. After preliminary meetings, input from the stakeholders (faculty, staff, students, alumni) will be gathered. After evaluating this process, the statement will be presented to the Senate for vote (Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>), and then forwarded to the full Faculty in December meeting. An informal discussion followed with the following recommendations for the mission statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do no make it long. Be concise.</li> <li>• Limit to 2 sentences.</li> <li>• Include excellence in teaching, with rigid standards</li> <li>• Eliminate caring community of learning.</li> </ul> <p><b>Meeting with Cheryl Cardell (SACS Rep)</b> – Cheryl Cardell is coming to GSW on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this half-day meeting is for the committee to get to know her as a long-term person to work with.</p>	<p>Members of Senate to review mission statement on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.</p> <p>Member of the Faculty Senate may be asked to meet with the SACS rep on Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>.</p>
<b>Academic Affairs Proposals</b>	<p>The following proposals were presented from Academic Affairs for approval:</p> <p><b>General Degree Requirement Policy Change:</b> Move to approve by Carol Bishop. Seconded by Genie Bryan.</p> <p><b>Global Studies Certificate Proposal:</b> Brian Smith explained the background for this proposal. No new courses will be required. Gary Fisk expressed a concern that GSW did not have a full time anthropologist. Motion to approve made by Paul Shapiro. Seconded by Carol Bishop.</p> <p><b>Art History 3085:</b> Explanation of course provided by Keaton Wynn. Motion to approve by Ru Story-Huffman. Seconded by Genie Bryan.</p> <p><b>MGNT 3610 – title change</b></p> <p><b>MGNT 4260 – title change</b></p> <p><b>BBA in Management with a Concentration in Professional golf Management</b> – Moved to consider as a</p>	<p>Approved unanimously.</p> <p>Approved unanimously.</p> <p>Approved unanimously.</p> <p>Submitted for file only.</p> <p>Submitted for file only.</p> <p>Approved unanimously.</p>

	group by Genie Bryan. Seconded by Brian Smith. Brief discussion followed. Move to approve by Brain Smith. Seconded by Stephanie Harvey.	Dr. Fisk to submit all approved proposals.
<b>Furlough Statement Discussion</b>	<p>Dr. Fisk provided a summary of faculty input regarding furloughs (see attachment). The first 3 items on the list were repeated by multiple faculty. Discussion followed concerning combining the statements into 3 major components dealing with the following: (1) operations; (2) economics; and (3) morale.</p> <p>The destination of the statement was discussed and the decision was made to consult with the representative for the State Faculty Senate (Elizabeth Gurnack) for possible support or input. In addition, the President of the Staff Senate will be contacted to see if this group is pursuing a statement on this matter.</p>	<p>Dr. Fisk is to continue working on the furlough statement with the input from the Senate.</p> <p>Dr. Fisk is to consult with GSW State Faculty Senate representative and the President of the Staff Senate at GSW for input.</p>
<b>Featured Scholar Award</b>	Dr. Fisk distributed copies of all applications for the Featured Scholar Award to the sub-committee. Members were asked to review the applications and rank in order their top 3 selections	Featured Scholar Committee to review applications and forward top 3 choices to Dr. Fisk by e-mail.
<b>Next Meeting</b>		Next meeting on November 23 <sup>rd</sup> to review Mission Statement.
<b>Adjournment</b>		Adjourned @ 6:25 PM

Bonnie Simmons  
Recorder