

**Georgia Southwestern State University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

Date: April 26th, 2010
Place: SGA Conference Room
Time: 5:00 PM
Presiding: Dr. Gary Fisk
Attendees: Dr. Brian Adler, Dr. Kendall Blanchard, Kathy Barnetson, Carol Bishop, Genie Bryan, Julia Dorminey, Kailash Ghimire, Stephanie Harvey, Ru Story-Huffman, Cecilia Maldonado, Bonnie Simmons, Brian Smith, Tom Johnson (substitute for Paul Shaprio), Anh-Hue Tu, Keaton Wynn
Guest: Jeff Waldrop, Royce Hackett

Agenda Item	Discussion	Outcome
Discussion with the President	<p>Dr. Blanchard presented the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Senate & House approved the 1st phase of the Health & Human Science Building. The Governor will hopefully approve by November 1st. The 2nd phase will require the University to come up with additional money to complete, which will entail borrowing approximately \$3 million dollars. The President expressed thanks to Representative Cheokas for his strong support in this matter. • ICAPP Grant – GSW is 1 of 7 institutions to receive \$140,000 from this initiative. • Korea – President Carter donated the money received from his trip to Korea to the RCI. • Summer School – Dr. Blanchard expressed concern that the issue of summer pay had caused some faculty to decide not to teach this summer. Full funding will be available for 2010 summer school salaries. Class sizes will remain a problem. It is important to keep the numbers up. An attempt will be made to make adjustments early if needed next 	

	summer.	
Discussion with the Vice President	<p>The following developments were discussed by Dr. Adler:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple faculty have volunteered to develop online core courses and a considerable number of courses will be added. • Commended the Academic Honors Convocation Committee for recognizing and expanding the academic achievement of students. • SACS Committee – Work is currently being done to develop a protocol to determine the identity of students taking online classes. • Evaluation of Lecturer and Senior Lecturer positions are being developed. Although there is an increase in students, hiring of new faculty continues to be problematic. The Board of Regents is leaning toward this development. • Commendation for Chuck Huffman for chairing the Prior Learning Assessment Committee. GSW has been designated as an Adult Learning Center. Protocols are continuing to be developed. • Reminder of Dr. Odio’s retirement reception and a reception for Dawn Thadi’s farewell reception. 	
Strategic Plan (Dr. Adler)	Dr. Adler presented an outline of the Strategic Plan entitled “Moving Forward” to the Senate. Objectives 1-9 were briefly reviewed. Dr. Adler emphasized that this was a process and the document had no borders and could be added to or deleted from. Motion was made by Dr. Adler for this document entitled “Moving Forward” be adopted as the GSW Strategic Plan. Seconded by Julia Dorminey.	Approved by Faculty Senate.
Policy Proposal for Confidentiality of Student Records	Gary Fisk presented a Policy Proposal for maintaining the confidentiality of student’s records. The goal was to put specifics in writing with a policy of how faculty should handle all student records. Motion was made by Stephanie	Approved by Faculty Senate.

	Harvey to forward to General Faculty as a recommendation for inclusion in the faculty handbook. Seconded by Kathy Barnetson.	
Academic Affairs Committee Proposals	<p>The following documents were submitted by the Academic Affairs Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Affairs: Replace current academic proposal form with five new forms • Academic Affairs: Requirement for freshman who have a GPA < 1.5 after 1st fall semester take a Academic Skills course to be taught by the 1st Year Advocate(to be hired) • Motion made to approve the following 2 curriculum sheets together. Arts & Sciences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dramatic Arts BA – curriculum sheet ○ Dramatic Arts Minor – curriculum sheet • Arts & Sciences: Sociology Area F. Requires Sociology majors to take either ANTH 1102 or SOCI 1160. • Arts & Sciences: MUSC 1150, 2020 for Area B • Arts & Sciences: MUSC 3190 • Arts & Sciences: CHIN 1001 • Core Changes: Dr. Jeff Waldrop gave an overview of the Application for Approval of General Education Learning Outcomes Submitted to the USG Council on General Education, the Critical Thinking Conceptual Overlay Plan, and the Critical Thinking Rubric. 	<p>Approved by Faculty Senate.</p> <p>Approved by Faculty Senate.</p> <p>Approved by Faculty Senate.</p> <p>Approved by Faculty Senate.</p> <p>Approved by Faculty Senate.</p> <p>Approved by Faculty Senate.</p> <p>Approved by Faculty Senate.</p> <p>Approved by Faculty Senate.</p>
Graduate Affairs Committee	<p>The following items were submitted for approval from Graduate Affairs Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deletion of EDUC 7600 • Computer Science and Math: Admissions requirements for students with a prior Master's Degree 	<p>Approved by Faculty Senate.</p> <p>Approved by Faculty Senate.</p>

Minutes from 3/22/2010	Minutes of March 22 nd , 2010 read and approved with one spelling correction. Genie Bryan moved to approved. Seconded by Stephanie Harvey.	To be corrected and submitted by Gary Fisk.
Updates	Gary Fisk reported that Gaye Hayes had withdrawn the ACCEL proposal and admission requirements would remain the same for high school students.	
Electing Faculty Senate President for 2010-2011	Carol Bishop nominated Ru Story-Huffman related to her outstanding work in leading the Honor's Convocation.	Approved by Faculty Senate.
E-mail Vote for Current Minutes	Gary Fisk suggested that the current minutes should be approved by e-mail vote before the semester ended.	Gary Fisk to disperse to Senate members before end of semester. Senate to return approval vote.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.	

Bonnie Simmons, Recorder