

## **Faculty Senate - Report to the Faculty for Fall, 2009**

The Faculty Senate engaged in the following projects this fall. (Note: The items listed below do not include the program proposals that were discussed in the general faculty meeting.)

1. Committee assignments were made in August.
2. A web page was created for the Faculty Senate. The purpose is to list the current Faculty Senate members, archive minutes, and post useful documents. This web site is located at:  
[http://www.gsw.edu/Faculty\\_Senate/](http://www.gsw.edu/Faculty_Senate/)
3. Subcommittees: One subcommittee was formed for the selection of the Featured Scholar for 2009-2010. Two members were asked to serve on a scheduling committee led by Lynda Lee Purvis.
4. Furlough statement: The furlough issue was discussed at several meetings. We considered making a furlough statement, but have tabled this issue for now. The USG Faculty Council is working on a furlough statement (see item 7 below). We have decided to let this group communicate our concerns about furloughs to the upper levels of the university system.
5. Scheduling concerns: The pros and cons of blocking out an 11:00 time slot for convocations and other meetings were discussed at the November meeting. No action was taken, but this issue might be considered further in the spring.
6. Disruptive students: Brian Adler informed us of a situation this fall in which a student was abusive to a faculty member. Dr. Adler asked us to notify our department chairs and deans immediately if a student is physically or verbally abusive to others. Quick notification will enable the university to make a faster response.
7. A representative attended the USG Faculty Council meeting in Macon on November 13. This group represents the Faculty Senates and similar groups from all of the institutions in the University System. Many issues were discussed that affect all USG institutions, including furloughs, ADP, compensation, and expansion of the technical colleges. A proposal was passed that recommends against moving the two-year community colleges into the technical college system. These initiatives and more are described in the attached document ("USG\_faculty\_council\_11-13-09.txt").

If you have issues or concerns, please contact me or another Faculty Senate member.

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