

Macon State College Faculty Senate
 Minutes of Meeting #6
 PSC-112
 Friday, February 3, 2012

Present:

Dr. Nancy Bunker (Associate Professor of English)
 Dr. Debra Matthews (Chair, Department of English)
 Dr. Andrew Manis (Associate Professor of History)
 Dr. John Trimboli (Associate Professor of Mathematics)
 Dr. Steven Wallace (Assistant Professor of Mathematics)
 Dr. Kevin Cantwell (Chair, Professor of English)
 Dr. Patrick Brennan (Recorder, Associate Professor of English)
 Dr. David Davis (Chair, Natural Sciences and Engineering)
 Dr. Jeff Burne (Professor of Biology)
 Dr. David Biek (Associate Professor of Psychology)
 Dr. Trip Shinn (Professor of Economics)
 Dr. Shamani Shikwambi (Assistant Professor of Education)
 Mr. Johnathan Yerby (Parliamentarian, Lecturer of Information Technology)
 Mr. Chris Tsavatewa (Assistant Professor of Health Services Administration)
 Dr. Darrell Thompson (Assistant Professor of Nursing)
 Ms. Teresa Kochera (Associate Professor of Nursing)
 Ms. Beth Brown (Associate Professor of Respiratory Therapy)
 Ms. Pat Borck (Librarian)
 Mr. Johnathan Jackson (AY 2012 Vice-President SGA)
 Ms. Lynn McCraney (Dean of Students)
 Dr. Alex Koohang (Dean, School of Information Technology)
 Dr. Rebecca Corvey (Dean, School of Nursing and Health Sciences)

Absent:

Dr. Clay Morton (Associate Professor of English)
 Dr. Larry Wolfenbarger (Professor of Economics)
 Ms. Summer Leverett (AY 2012 President SGA)
 Dr. Jeff Allbritten (President)
 Dr. Marti Venn (Provost)
 Dr. Ron Williams (Dean, School of Arts and Sciences)
 Dr. Varkey Titus (Dean, School of Business)
 Dr. Ann Levett (Interim Dean, School of Education)

Guests:

Mr. Michael Stewart (Assistant Dean of Students)
 Dr. Melanie McClellan (Interim VP, Student Affairs)

Dr. Myungjae Kwak (Assistant Professor of Information Technology)
 Dr. Francisco Lopez (Associate Professor of Business)
 Ms. Rebecca Lanning (Associate Professor of Music)
 Dr. Amy Berke (Professor of English)
 Mr. Mark Hazen (Student Representative of Student Affairs Committee)
 Dr. Mary Wearn (Chair, Department of Media, Culture and the Arts)
 Ms. Loleta Sartin (Chair, Academic Affairs Committee)
 Mr. Lane Brooks (Chair, Student Affairs Committee)
 Dr. Jeff Stewart (Associate Provost)

Dr. Cantwell called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

Dr. Brennan, the Senate Recorder, read the January 06, 2012 Minutes from meeting #5 of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Cantwell asked if there were requests to modify these Minutes.

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#5 Minutes. Dr. Wallace motioned to approve these Minutes as amended. Mr. Yerby seconded the motion. The Senate voted to approve the Minutes from meeting #5 of the Faculty Senate as amended.

Dr. Cantwell reminded the Faculty Senate Bylaws Sub-Committee to draft a proposal to remove ex-officio members from the Faculty Senate, as recommended by President Allbritten in meeting #2 of the AY2012 Faculty Senate. Dr. Wallace asked if this was prudent, considering the fact that the upcoming consolidation with Middle Georgia College would require an update of the Senate Bylaws anyway. Dr. Cantwell explained

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Dr. Cantwell ceded the floor to Dr. Bunker, Chair of the AY2012 Executive Committee. Dr. Bunker presented the most recent versions of the Macon State College Academic Integrity documents, which have been one year in the making. She explained that the documents currently posted on the College website are now up-to-date and accurate. She highlighted three recent changes. The Faculty Resolution Form has been labeled Form A to correspond with the Student Infraction Form, which has been labeled Form B. She highlighted the Faculty Resolution Flow Chart, which maps out the Faculty Resolution Process for Student Infractions of the Macon State College Academic Integrity Policy. She also pointed out that the Academic Integrity language in the Macon State Student Handbook has been changed to better align with other Macon State College documents

these changes have already been approved and that she was simply giving a report, not making a motion for a vote.

Dr. Bunker opened the floor to questions. Dr. Biek asked if labeling the Student Infraction and Faculty Resolution Forms as Form A and Form B would cause confusion with other Macon State College forms, which are also labeled A and B. Dr. Bunker

explained that it would not since the forms would still have their formal titles. The designations of A and B simply reinforce the steps in the process. Dr. Biek then asked if the flow chart could represent the deadlines for taking steps within the Faculty Resolution Process for Student Infractions of the Macon State College Academic Integrity Policy. Dr. Bunker said that she would ask the Executive Committee to make these changes. Dr. Cantwell explained that such modifications would not require a vote in the Senate.

Dr. Matthews asked how long faculty needed to keep records of the Faculty Resolution Process for Student Infractions at Macon State College. Dr. Bunker said that the current

College student newspaper in the past when the newspaper skipped issues. She explained that such talk had damaged her reputation in the Macon community. Dr. McClellan stated that the most important thing people could do was stop accusing Lynn of being dishonest or unethical. Dr. McClellan then said that both faculty and student affairs leadership

there were hidden motives behind requests or decisions. Dr. McClellan went on to say that following a state audit of student activity fees in the USG, Chief Student Affairs Officers were communicated with strongly about the fiduciary responsibilities of institutions for those fees. Different institutions responded to those concerns in different ways. Based on the information she has been able to gather so far, there were some concerns about management of several fee-funded activities, including the student newspaper. As the person with the fiduciary responsibility for the fee budget at Macon State, Lynn made the decision to bring those fee-funded activities under the direct management of her office. Dr. McClellan stated that she did not know if she would have made those same decisions (she would not have brought the newspaper in because of her particular personal experiences when she had responsibility for the newspaper at a different institution). Dr. McClellan informed the group that she would be appointing an independent commission to research different models of newspaper management and to make recommendations to her.

Dr. Wearn noted that the dissolution of the Macon State College student newspaper had transpired twice, three years ago and last fall, with no transparency. Dr. McClellan explained that she was asking for an independent commission to advise her on how the

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currently reviewing applications. Mr. Yerby asked who would choose the new editor. Mr. Stewart said that Dr. McClellan would.

Ms. Kochera asked if and expanding student needs. Dr. McClellan explained that Ms. Nancy Stroud, VP for Fiscal Affairs at Macon State College, was currently working on this issue.

olidation are you most worried about in terms

directors at Macon State College have met with their counterparts at Middle Georgia College. She explained that the people at Middle Georgia College are worried about losing their institutional identity. Ms. McCraney said that she is worried about how student fee structures will work in the newly consolidated institution. Mr. Stewart said that he is worried about revisiting the Student Code of Conduct in the newly consolidated institution. Dr. McClellan said that she is worried that some may underestimate the sophistication of Middle Georgia College, which has been running residence life and athletic programs for many years. Her biggest concern is the lack of a VP for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, since both institutions currently have interim VPs.

this was legal. Dr. Fuller answered that it was, and Dr. Cantwell and Dr. Bunker concurred. Dr. Matthews asked if the changes to this form had gone before the AY 2012 Post-Tenure Review Committee. Dr. Fuller answered that it had and that they had approved it. Dr. Wallace asked if the document would be further modified to include the point totals for each section of the PTR form in light of the Senate's charge to develop rubrics for tenure and post-tenure evaluation. Dr. Cantwell said that this was indeed the plan but indicated that such a change to the form would only be made after the Senate approved such rubrics. Dr. Bunker made a motion to approve this new form. Mr. Yerby seconded the motion. The Senate voted to approve the revised Post-Tenure Review Report form.

Dr. Cantwell turned the meeting over to Ms. Sartin, Chair of the AY2012 Academic Affairs Committee.

Ms. Sartin introduced ITEC course modifications under agenda item ITEC-11-AA-2011-2012. These changes would make these ITEC courses consistent with similar courses at other USG schools. Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the course modifications. Mr. Yerby seconded the motion. The Senate voted to approve the course modifications.

Ms. Sartin introduced a course proposal for a new course entitled Digital Photography and Criticism (NMAC 3651) under agenda item ASMCA-03-AA-2011-2012. This course

Ms. Sartin introduced agenda item RESP-01-AA-2011-2012 through RESP-05-AA-2011-2012, FS120203C, course proposals, course deletions, and a program modification in Respiratory Therapy. These changes have been made to meet SACS requirements. Ms. Sartin explained that competencies that in the past had been measured in any of the courses slated for deletion have been transferred to new courses now being proposed. One new course being proposed is an Area B course entitled Critical Thinking about Ethics in Healthcare (HS 1005). Dr. Bunker asked if the program modification made this a new program. Dr. Corvey said that it did not; it was merely being modified. Dr. Brennan asked if a Critical Thinking course was already being taught in this department. Dr. Corvey r. Trimboli made a motion to approve the course proposals, course deletions, and program modification in Respiratory Therapy. Mr. Yerby seconded the motion. The Senate voted to approve the course proposals, course deletions, and program modification in Respiratory Therapy.

Dr. Cantwell opened the floor for general discussion. Dr. Wallace asked if the Senate needed to approve every Academic Affairs Proposal to come out of the Academic Affairs Committee. Dr. Cantwell suggested that we should visit this issue when we become a newly formed institution. Some senate models have dedicated meetings for approving Academic Affairs proposals and other dedicated meetings for addressing other issues. He suggested that we may want to adopt this model when our consolidated institution sets up its new Faculty Senate.

start of each meeting. Dr. Cantwell said that he liked the formality of reading the minutes at the meeting,

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each meeting, but that any Senator could propose changing this rule by making a motion for unanimous consent.

Dr. Bunker reminded the Senate that the Executive Committee has worked hard on crafting the current Academic Integrity documents and that we should make our departments and schools aware of them.

Mr. Yerby made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Shinn seconded the motion. The Senate voted to adjourn.