

Macon State College Faculty Senate
AY 2013
Minutes of Meeting #1
PSC Banquet Room
Monday, August 13, 2012

Present:

Dr. Nancy Bunker (Chair, Associate Professor of English)

Dr. Debra Matthews (Professor of English)

Dr. Clay Morton (Associate Professor of English)

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Dr. Bunker asked if there were requests to modify the Minutes from meeting #10 of the AY 2012 Faculty Senate. There were no suggested changes. Mr. Tsavatewa motioned to approve these Minutes. Dr. Wallace seconded the motion. The Senate voted to approve the Minutes from meeting #10 of the AY 2012 Faculty Senate.

Dr. Bunker swore in a Ms. Vivian Austin, Associate Professor of Nursing, as a new member of the AY 2013 Faculty Senate. Ms. Austin replaces Dr. Teresa Kochera, who is no longer a Macon State College faculty member.

Dr. Bunker announced to the Senate that the Consolidated Senate Principles developed last spring would be sent to this year's Faculty Senate Transition Team. She then opened the floor to questions.

Mr. Yerby asked if we had a confirmed AY 2013 Faculty Senate meeting schedule. Dr. Bunker explained that we did not. We are hoping to meet on the first Friday of each month and a few other times as needed. Dr. Bunker explained that she would send out the AY 2013 Faculty Senate meeting schedule once it was confirmed.

Dr. Wallace inquired about the status of the rubrics for evaluating faculty service, faculty scholarship, and faculty teaching, which the AY 2012 Faculty Senate had sent to the Deans and Chairs last spring. Dr. Bunker directed this question to Dr. Kevin Cantwell, the Chair of the AY 2012 Faculty Senate. Dr. Cantwell explained that the rubrics had been well received, but that they would probably not move forward until Macon State College and Middle Georgia College merged into Middle Georgia State College. Dr. Davis added that the rubrics would not be able to proceed until Middle Georgia State College had an organizational chart.

Dr. Wallace asked if the Faculty Senate should run case studies for these rubrics in the meantime. Dr. Wolfenbarger, one of the faculty members who reviewed the Promotion and Tenure processes for both institutions, said that running case studies would not be productive at this time. These rubrics will need to be revisited in regard to Middle Georgia State College's rules and guideline for promotion and tenure, which may differ from those currently in place at Macon State College. Dr. Matthews added that many consolidation deadlines would probably need to be met before the Deans and Chairs could usefully address these rubrics.

Dr. Trimboli asked if the AY 2013 Faculty Senate would change on January 01, 2013, the projected date for completing the merger of Macon State College and Middle Georgia College into Middle Georgia State College. Dr. Bunker explained that this was yet to be determined. Dr. Cantwell noted that the aforementioned Faculty Senate Transition Team would help create the Faculty Senate model for Middle Georgia State College. He added that a Faculty Senate Sub-Committee had worked with the Macon State College Provost this summer to draft a proposal for a consolidated Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate Transition Team will be working with this proposal. Dr. Shinn asked if this proposal addressed both Middle Georgia College's committee structure and Macon State College's committee structure. Dr. Cantwell said that the Sub-Committee and the Provost did take

both colleges' committee structures into consideration, but that nothing definitive could be put into place until we have a Middle Georgia State College organizational chart. Mr. Yerby asked if the Faculty Senate's revised rules, which were implemented in May