

Macon State College Faculty Senate  
AY 2013  
Minutes of Meeting #3  
TEB -231  
Monday, September 24, 2012

Present:

Dr. Nancy Bunker (Chair, Associate Professor of English)  
Mr. Johnathan Yerby (Parliamentarian, Lecturer of Information Technology)  
Ms. Vivian Austin (Associate Professor of Nursing)  
Dr. David Biek (Associate Professor of Psychology)  
Ms. Pat Borck (Librarian)  
Ms. Beth Brown (Associate Professor of Respiratory Therapy)  
Dr. Jeff Burne (Professor of Biology)  
Dr. Kevin Cantwell (Professor of English)  
Dr. David Davis (Professor of Biology)  
Dr. Andrew Manis (Associate Professor of History)  
Dr. Clay Morton (Associate Professor of English)  
Dr. Shamani Shikwambi (Assistant Professor of Education)  
Dr. Trip Shinn (Professor of Economics)  
Dr. Darrell Thompson (Associate Professor of Nursing)  
Dr. John Trimboli (Associate Professor of Mathematics)  
Mr. Chris Tsavatewa (Assistant Professor of Health Services Administration)  
Dr. Steven Wallace (Assistant Professor of Mathematics)  
Mr. Johnathan Jackson (AY

Dr. Bunker submitted the Agenda for meeting # 3 of the AY 2013 Faculty Senate for approval. Mr. Tsavatewa motioned to approve this Agenda. Dr. Cantwell seconded the motion. The Senate voted to approve the Agenda from meeting # 2 of the AY 2013 Faculty Senate.

Dr. Bunker asked if there were requests to modify the Minutes from meeting #2 of the AY 2013 Faculty Senate. There were no suggested changes. Dr. Shinn motioned to approve these Minutes. Ms. Austin seconded the motion. The Senate voted to approve the Minutes.

Dr. Bunker noted forthcoming changes to Minutes from meeting #2 and the degree list for the consolidated institution will be discussed at the next Senate meeting.

Dr. Bunker then introduced Ms. Tina Ashford, Chair of the AY 2013 Macon State College Academic Affairs Committee. Ms. Ashford presented the list of degree titles (not curriculum) approved by Academic Affairs Committee Friday, Sept. 21, 2012. Dr. Koohang clarified the title for a Certificate in Engineering and Information Technology.

Dr. Shinn noted the need for specific degree titles identified within the School of Business to reflect the curriculum in place and degrees currently being offered. Dr. Venn commented that the Middle Georgia College B.S. in Business Administration degree will be offered in the school of aviation. Dr. Venn replied that the School of Business and the Division of Aviation/Business were not able to reach agreement on the underlying curriculum in the B.S. in Business Administration. Dr. Davis asked for clarification on the B.A.S. Business Management degree awarded by MGC. Dr. Venn noted for the record that the A.A. Core Curriculum degrees include history, math, biology, etc. Dr. Wallace vote to approve degree titles. Dr. Cantwell suggested the Senate approve the degree title list as is, but register deep concern about the School of Business regarding degrees and curriculum. Ms. Austin noted the need for clarification for advising purposes. Dr. Davis voiced additional concerns about the A.A. and A.S. Core Curriculum, Certificate Programs, Area F, and deactivating Associate offered. Dr. Venn stated that only A.A. and A.S. degree titles are recognized by the Board of Regents; Associate degrees in career fields (such as health) are different.

Dr. Biek asked Dr. Venn for a formal recommendation that the Senate could build upon in the future. Dr. Venn commented that the MGC Certificate Programs are part of an on-going professional development opportunity. Certificate Programs deactivated by MSC are not being considered for reactivation. Going forward, the consolidated institution will not see a proliferation of Certificate Programs. Dr. Venn reminded the Senate that Tech Schools near both institutions may not offer A.A. or A.S. degrees without coordinating with the consolidating institutions nor according to the agreement with the BOR, USG institutions cannot offer certificate degrees or A.A.S./A.A.A degrees. However, with the only USG School of Aviation, this agreement does not apply since the Technical Schools do not have Aviation programs.

Dr. Cantwell suggested Senate craft language to reflect concerns raised in Senate today; Dr. Davis voiced concern with the abundance of Certificate Programs shown on the degree list presented today, addressing the concern that Macon State is acquiring a tech school reputation rather than a baccalaureate granting institution. Dr. Davis also asked about placement of the MGC aviation program; Dr. Venn noted the probability of aviation being its own School.

Dr. Biek moved to close discussion on the degree list presented today. Dr. Cantwell