

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)

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 could help things if they would stop questioning each others' motives and assuming that

Mr. Yerby asked, “Where are we with finding a new student editor for the Macon State College newspaper?” Mr. Stewart explained that the Student Advisory Board met and is currently reviewing applications. Mr. Yerby asked who would choose the new editor. Mr. Stewart said that Dr. McClellan would.

Ms. Kochera asked if and when cafeteria services would expand to meet the College’s expanding student needs. Dr. McClellan explained that Ms. Nancy Stroud, VP for Fiscal Affairs at Macon State College, was currently working on this issue.

Dr. Cantwell asked, “What aspects of consolidation are you most worried about in terms of Student Affairs issues?” Ms. McCraney explained that all of the Student Affairs 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. She wants to launch a search for a single VP for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management to serve both campuses before the consolidation is complete, but senior-level searches are on hold for now. Finally, Dr. McClellan expressed her concern that rival institutions may take advantage of the uncertainties generated by our consolidation process to lure away students from both colleges.

Dr. Cantwell reiterated the Senate’s desire to improve communication with Student Affairs. Ms. McCraney explained that she did not mean to be condescending earlier and that she is sorry if she seemed to be. She asked faculty members please to contact her

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 said, "No." Dr. 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.