Middle Georgia State College Faculty Senate AY 2013 Minutes of Meeting No. 1 PSC 112 Friday, February 22, 2013

Present:

Mr. Charlie Agnew (Associate Professor of Art)
Ms. Tina Ashford (Associate Professor of Information Technology)
Dr. Charla Baker (Assistant Professor of Mathematics)
Ms. Pat Borck (Librarian)
Dr. Patrick Brennan (Associate Professor of English)
Ms. Beth Brown (Associate Professor of Respiratory Therapy)
Dr. Nancy Bunker (Chair, Associate Professor of English)
Dr. Jeff Burne (Professor of Biology)
Ms. Christie Canady (Associate Professor of Biology)
Dr. James Collins (Professor of Psychology)
Dr. Whitney Elmore (Assistant Professor of Biology)
Dr. Jonathan Fegley

as soon as possible. The Campus Safety and Student Affairs committees must begin work soon in order to meet budgetary deadlines.

Dr. Young-Zook moved to authorize department chairs to conduct Executive Committee elections so that the Executive Committee could populate the standing committees. Dr. Houston seconded the motion.

Dr. Wallace asked for clarification on the motion, the committee process, and relevant deadlines. Dr. Bunker explained that the department chairs would conduct the Executive Committee elections. The Executive Committee would then meet to populate the standing committees. The Vice President for Fiscal Affairs hopes that standing committees can meet immediately after spring break.

Dr. Young-Zook moved to authorize department chairs to conduct Executive Committee elections so that the Executive Committee could populate the standing committees and the standing committees could begin to meet after Spring Break. Dr. Houston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bunker announced that the next Faculty Senate meeting would likely take place on March 15 with further meetings to be scheduled in consultation with the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Electronic and Skype meetings will be possible as well as face-to-face meetings on different campuses of MGSC.

Mr. Ketchel asked for clarification on visitor participation: are meetings open to other faculty? Will there be room for as many as want to attend? Dr. Bunker explained that other faculty may attend and there will be enough room for everyone, but that items for discussion by the Senate must come to the chair and vice chair and be placed on the agenda. She clarified further that faculty members can and should bring questions to their department's Senators. Senators bring these times to members of the Senate's Schedule and Agenda committee in order to be discussed at their meetings. The Schedule and Agenda committee usually meets Tuesday or Wednesday of the week the Agenda must be distributed. The Senate bylaws stipulate a time frame for this process.

Dr. Shinn asked whether the Senate was likely to meet every Friday during the remainder of the Spring 2013 semester. Dr. Bunker suggested that Senators can anticipate meetings every other Friday through the end of the spring semester. A Senate meeting calendar will be furnished as soon as possible.

Mr. Swenson moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Young-Zook seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Laura E. Thomason, Senate Recorder February 27, 2013