

**Middle Georgia State College Faculty Senate AY 2014–2015**  
**Minutes of Meeting No. 2**  
**TEB 368, Macon Campus**

Dr. Mary Wearn, Assistant Vice President for Academic Planning and Policy  
Dr. Marti Venn, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Dr. Brennan called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Recognizing a quorum, he then reminded the new senators of a point of order for the running of Senate meetings. Senators are to state their full name whenever making or seconding a motion. Dr. Brennan then asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Randy Spaid made the motion, and Mr. Kirby Swenson seconded. During discussion of the motion, a few minor corrections were made. Dr. Brennan then called for a vote to approve the minutes as corrected, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Dr. Brennan then asked to make a couple of changes to the agenda: 1) Dr. Charles Matson, Chair of the Executive Committee, will not address the Senate during the discussion of unfinished business 2) Addition to new business of the possible formation of a subcommittee to explore the issue of senatorial terms. Dr. Brennan then called for a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Dr. Randy Spaid made the motion, Mr. Kirby Swenson seconded, and the amended agenda was approved unanimously.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Dr. Brennan turned the meeting over to President Blake for the swearing in of at-large senators from the campuses of Middle Georgia State College. President Blake administered the senatorial oath to Dr. Sydney Chalfa, Ms. Vanessa Crump, Ms. Lisa Henry, and Mr. Martin Kehayes. President Blake then thanked the new senators for their willingness to serve. Following the swearing-in ceremony, President Blake left the meeting.

#### **New Business:**

Returning to the podium, Dr. Brennan discussed the need to form a Senate Officers' Terms Subcommittee to recommend amendments to the bylaws of the Senate, which would clarify some issues related to the terms of Senate officers (the Senate Faculty Chair, Vice-Chair, Recorder, and Parliamentarian). These issues include exactly when senate officers are elected and how long they are to serve. Dr. Brennan stated that other issues the subcommittee might address could include possible limits on numbers of terms a senate officer may serve. Dr. Brennan then asked for a motion to approve the creation of the subcommittee. Dr. Spaid then asked for a point of order to clarify exactly how these changes would be approved. Dr. Brennan replied that the Senate would originate the changes, but that any amendment to the bylaws of the Senate would also have to be approved by the Executive Committee. Before hearing a motion to approve the creation of the subcommittee, Dr. Brennan asked if any senators would volunteer to serve on the subcommittee. Dr. Brennan stated that the subcommittee should examine how other senates at other institutions handle these issues and report back at the next meeting. The following Senators volunteered to serve on the subcommittee: Dr. Randy Spaid, Dr. Maritza Bell-Corrales, Ms. Charlotte Costello, and Dr. Anthony Narsing.

Following recognition of these volunteers, Dr. Brennan called for a motion to approve the formation of a Senate Officers' Terms Subcommittee consisting of the Senators listed above. Dr. Benita Muth made the motion, and Dr. Gaston Brouwer seconded. Hearing no further discussion or no further volunteers, Dr. Brennan called for a vote to approve the creation of a Senate



Dr. Clayton stated that Dr. Fuller had made these proposals in order to comply with new state standards. Dr. Spaid moved that the modifications be approved. Dr. Brennan called for a vote, and the modifications were approved unanimously.

- f. GE-HSPS-03-AA-2013-2014 (New Course General Education History)







dress code. Ms. Henry stated that the Eastman campus had a dress code. Dr. Venn noted that individual departments or schools have often needed to establish a style of acceptable dress in keeping with the day-to-day operations of their programs. For example, those in the health sciences may be required to wear certain clothing when teaching in a clinical setting. She reiterated that the needs of individual programs did not necessitate the establishment of an overall faculty dress code.

Dr. Brennan returned to the podium to ask for further questions and to make announcements. Hearing no questions, Dr. Brennan announced that the Senate's regular meetings will occur the first Friday of each month, and that regular meetings will be held in PSC 112 on the Macon campus. The teleconferencing equipment in PSC 112 will be used so that members from other campuses will not have to travel as far. Dr. Brennan reminded the senators that in the future there might be a need for called Senate meetings, which would occur in addition to the Senate's regular meetings on the first Friday of each month. Dr. Brennan then called for motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Swenson mo