

**Middle Georgia State University Faculty Senate AY 2016–2017**  
**Meeting #5 TEB 231, Macon Campus**  
**Friday, February 3, 2017**

**Present:**

Dr. Donna Balding, Assistant Chair of Natural Sciences  
Dr. Maritza Bell-Corrales, Professor of Spanish  
Dr. Jeffrey Burne, Professor of Biology  
Dr. Robert Burnham, Professor of History  
Dr. Kathleen Burt, Assistant Professor of English  
Ms. Patsy Butts, Assistant Professor of Nursing  
Ms. Paige Crump, Associate Professor of Spanish  
Dr. Lorraine Dubuisson, Recorder of the Faculty Senate, Associate Professor of English  
Dr. Javan Frazier, Chair of the Faculty Senate, Associate Professor of History  
Ms. Mert Gareis, Associate Professor of English  
Dr. Paul Gladden, Associate Professor of Psychology  
Mr. Michael Hammock, Assistant Professor of Mathematics  
Ms. Lisa Henry, Assistant Professor of Air Traffic Management  
Mr. Lowell Hinchee, Assistant Professor of Aviation Science and Management  
Dr. Myungjae Kwak, Assistant Professor of Information Technology  
Dr. Karmen Lenz, Associate Professor of English  
Dr. Gerald Lucas, Professor of English  
Dr. Anthony Narsing, Associate Professor of Management  
Dr. John Pattillo, Vice-Chair of the Faculty Senate, Associate Professor of Biology  
Ms. Judith Schmitt, Instructor of English  
Dr. Michele Scordato, Assistant Professor of Clinical Social Work  
Mr. Lee Simmons, Assistant Professor of Art  
Dr. Randy Spaid, Professor of Education  
Mr. Stephan Steckowski, Assistant Professor of Aircraft Maintenance  
Dr. Darcy Sun, Assistant Professor of Health Services Administration  
Mr. Ed Wallace, Associate Professor of Physics  
Dr. Steven Wallace, Associate Professor of Mathematics  
Ms. Kathy Wilcox, Assistant Professor of Nursing

**Absent/Excused:**

Dr. Gaston Brouwer, Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate, Associate Professor of Mathematics  
Ms. TeAndre Dennis, Student Government Association (ex-officio)  
Dr. Greg George, Associate Professor of Economics  
Dr. Lawanda Greene, Assistant Professor of Nursing  
Ms. Felicia Haywood, Assistant Director of the Library

**Guests:**

Dr. Christopher Blake, President

Dr. Shane Trayers, Associate Professor of English, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee  
Dr. Mary Wearn, Assistant Provost for Academic Planning & Policy

### **Call to Order and Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

Dr. Frazier called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Recognizing a quorum, he reminded senators of the rules of order and to state their names before speaking.

Dr. Frazier called for a motion to approve the agenda for the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, amending it to allow Dr. Blake to speak. Dr. Spaid made the motion, Dr. Scordato seconded, and the agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Dr. Frazier then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Spaid moved to approve, Dr. Hinchee seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

### **Report from Dr. Blake**

Dr. Blake told the Senate that he is seeking approval to gradually elevate the tuition for baccalaureate courses over the next five years; at the end of this process, MGA would have a blended tuition model and still be the most affordable institution. He mentioned the funds secured by Aviation for fleet expansion as well the P3 program which he hopes will give MGA funds to build residential funds in Macon.

Enrollment is down about 4% this spring and is trailing for summer, which could have financial repercussions. Fall enrollment is, however, ahead by 10%. Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students to register for summer. Students who still have financial aid remaining as well as Move on When Ready students are being directly contacted by MGA about summer registration. MGA also wants to recruit transient students for summer enrollment.

Dr. Blake reminded the Senate that when faculty and staff write to their legislators or otherwise participate in political activities, they should do so as private citizens.

### **Reports from Standing Committees**

Dr. Chae brought two proposals from the Diversity Ad Hoc Committee—one concerning an official statement of diversity, inclusion and equity and the other concerning the creation of a Diversity Council. Ms. Gareis made a motion to bring these proposals to the floor, and they passed.

Dr. Chae brought forward a proposal to revise the bylaws of the Senate to identify which ex-officio

In discussion, concerns were expressed if this proposal unfairly restricted the membership of sub-committees of the Promotion, Tenure, and Post Tenure Review Committee. Furthermore, concerns were brought up questioning the accuracy of the chart the Senate had just voted on. Dr. Wallace made a motion to table our discussion of this proposal, Dr. Patillo seconded, and the motion passed. Dr. Dubuisson made a motion to send the proposal back to the Executive Committee in order for the accuracy of the chart to be checked as well as to revise the sections of the bylaws that describe the make-up of each Board to include whether those members are ex-officio. Dr. Wallace seconded, and the motion passed.

Dr. Trayers discussed four proposals from the Academic Affairs Committee. Dr. Bell-Corrales made a motion to bring P-BUSA-01-AA-2016-2017, a proposal to change some of the courses in the core of the Information Technology degree, to the floor. The motion passed. Dr. Simmons made a motion to bring P-PSCJ-03-AA-2016-2017, a proposal to create a new minor in psychology, to the floor. The motion passed. Ms. Gareis made a motion to bring PY-MCA-01-AA-2016-2017, a