

**Middle Georgia State University Faculty Senate AY 2017–2018**  
**Meeting #1TEB 231, Macon Campus**  
**Friday, August 25, 2017**

**Present:**

Dr. Donna Balding, Assistant Chair of Natural Sciences  
Dr. Shannon Beasley, Assistant Professor of Information Technology  
Dr. Maritza Bell-Corrales, Professor of Spanish  
Dr. Gaston Brouwer, Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate, Associate Professor of Mathematics  
Dr. Jeffrey Burne, Professor of Biology  
Dr. Robert Burnham, Professor of History  
Dr. Kathleen Burt, Senate Recorder, Assistant Professor of English  
Ms. Patsy Butts, Assistant Professor of Nursing  
Dr. Shirley Camp, Assistant Professor of Nursing  
Mr. Adam Craig, Instructor of Aviation Maintenance and Structural Technology  
Ms. Vanessa Paige Crump, Associate Professor of Spanish  
Dr. Javan Frazier, Chair of the Faculty Senate, Professor of History  
Ms. Mary (Mert) Gareis, Associate Professor of English  
Dr. Paul Gladden, Associate Professor of Psychology  
Ms. Robin Grant, Electronic Resources Librarian  
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. Richard Kilburn, Assistant Professor of Mathematics  
Dr. Karmen Lenz, 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  
Dr. Michele Scordato, Assistant Professor of Clinical Social Work  
Mr. Lee Simmons, Assistant Professor of Art  
Dr. Randy Spaid, Professor of Education  
Dr. Kirby Swenson, Assistant Professor of Biology  
Mr. Edwynn Wallace, Associate Professor of Physics  
Ms. Lacey Turner-Wallace, Department of Nursing  
Dr. Steven Wallace, Associate Professor of Mathematics

**Absent/Excused:**

Dr. Greg George, Associate Professor of Economics  
Ms. Melissa Jordan, Department of Nursing

**Guests:**

Dr. Christopher Blake, President  
Dr. Kevin Floyd, Associate Dean and MSIT Coordinator, School of Information Technology  
Dr. Darryl Hancock, Director, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning  
Dr. Alex Koochang, Dean of the School of Information Technology  
Dr. Stephen Taylor, Professor of History and Political Science, Chair of the Academic Affairs Board  
Dr. Mary Wearn, Professor of English, Assistant Provost for Academic Planning & Policy

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

Dr. Frazier called the meeting to order at 10am. He welcomed everyone to a new year, and gave some reminders about speaking to be heard by all, the purpose of the Senate in dealing with matters of policy, and some related rules of procedure concerning speaking and voting.

Dr. Frazier called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting (April 28, 2017). Dr. Spaid made the motion, and Mr. Hinchee seconded. There was no discussion, and the motion was approved by voice vote.

Dr. Frazier called for a motion to approve a revised agenda, striking the report from the Executive Committee. Dr. Spaid made the motion, and Dr. Gladden seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote.

## **Swearing in of New Senators**

Dr. Blake administered the oath of office to new Senators, and congratulated and thanked all for their service.

## **Report from Dr. Blake**

Dr. Blake gave his update to the Senate. His main topic was enrollment. As of this morning (8/25), the university had 7300 registered students, and a production of 80,400 credit hours. This represents a drop in 400 students versus last year and a deficit in 3600 credit hours. As a result, Dr. Blake anticipates some forthcoming budget cuts. Dr. Blake also noted the university census takes place in early October, and second session registration presents an opportunity to make up for some of the deficit in registered credit hours. This registration period is an opportunity to bring in new students, and to encourage those who could not or did not register for full session courses to sign up for some credits.

Dr. Blake also informed the Senate of some new opportunities currently being set up, including a new agreement with Oconee Fall Line Technical College near Dublin which would enable students at that institution to take courses at MGA, and also a new online agreement between the IT department and Glendale Community College in Arizona.

Dr. Blake encouraged everyone to think creatively about ways to increase student enrollment, including the possibility of Friday classes or weekend options, which might be more student-schedule friendly, in accordance with the university's diverse student population. He noted enrollment through dual-enrollment, formerly 'Move On When Ready', is strong and should be maximized. Overall, program enrollment in Aviation, Health Services, and IT is up, but Business is down.

Dr. Blake announced the creation of an Enrollment Action Team, assembled from representatives across the University, to consider tactics to boost and retain enrollment.

Summer enrollment was marginally down, by about ½ percent. Of 10 institutions, 5 were up in enrollment and 5 were down. MGA is the best of the schools that are down.

Dr. Blake then asked for any questions.

