

Middle Georgia State University Faculty Senate AY 2017–2018
Meeting #4 TEB 231, Macon Campus
Friday, November 30, 2018

Present:

Dr. Donna Balding, Assistant Chair of Natural Sciences
Dr. Shannon Beasley, Assistant Professor of Information Technology
Dr. Maritza BellCorrales, Professor of Spanish

Dr. Kevin Cantwell, Dean of Graduate Studies, Associate Provost

Dr. Victoria Guarisco, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, Associate Professor of Chemistry

Dr. Alex Koohang, Dean of th

noting that there is data work to do, and that MGA's five campuses will make assembling the information more complicated than if we were a single campus.

Dr. Anderson expressed his thanks for efforts with student retention. He said that in a way it was good that we are starting to have problems with finding enough faculty ~~space~~ and classroom spaces.

Dr. Anderson presented an update on some vacancies in administrative positions. There will be a decision

Mr. Swenson asked for a motion to approve the memo. Dr. Taylor made the motion; Dr. Camp seconded. There were no further questions or comments. The vote was 25 in favor, none opposed.

Mr. Swenson called Dr. Guarisco to make her presentation to the Senate.

The first proposal (~~#~~ENGL-01-AA-20182019) presents a new degree, the M.A. in Technical and Professional Writing. This would be built off of the currently existing graduate certificate. Dr. Rogers said that the certificate has been in place for a year and that there have been two graduates, and strong interest in the program. One of the biggest benefits to adding a master's degree is that it will allow students to get federal financial aid, and there is a growing demand in the field. Dr. Cantwell added that since the degree involved collaboration between the English, IT, and MCA departments, it is multidisciplinary. The question was asked if the new MA would mean doing away with the current certificate. The answer was no, the certificate would remain alive and well, and that it could be gained along the way to the MA. Dr. Mears made the motion to approve the measure. Dr. Hill seconded. There was no further discussion. The vote was 25 in favor, none opposed; the proposal was approved.

The second proposal (~~#~~EDSW-02-AA-20182019) presents a new degree, the Master's in Elementary Education with a Focus on Social Justice and Equity. Students have been asking for such as

Dr. Wearn came forward to present the Revised B.S. in Sports and Fitness Management. She said that Academic Affairs has already approved the curriculum change, and that the proposal does not technically need Senate approval but it is being presented for information and courtesy. In 2014, a proposal had been made and rejected at the state level, but this one has moved the degree from Health Sciences to Business and includes curriculum changes. Students earning this degree will be able to work in areas like management of ticket sales, management of teams. The program will be housed in both Macon and Cochran. It contains an 18-hour business core, and results in a BS degree with a minor in business. With the number of open electives available, students could also choose a second subject. Students have expressed interest, especially some of the student athletes, and there is demand for this qualification in the Atlanta area. Dr. Taylor pointed out a typo on the proposal, and Dr. Spaid asked if the College of Business has the capacity to handle the potential increase in students and course offerings. The answer was that many of the courses are specialized, so the proposal would not take away much from Business. There will need to be one new faculty member hired for sports management, but MGA has coaches who have master's degrees. The question was also raised as to whether this program might fit into the proposed Nexus degree since it could include experiential or internship based learning. The response was that the degree has internship included, and that graduates would be very hireable as a result. The point was also made that since there were a lot changes made from the proposal four years ago and the school in which it would be based was changed, why wasn't this being presented as a program instead of a revision. The answer was that first, since Senate approval was not strictly necessary, that doesn't matter, and second, since the BOR has requested the proposal be ready for their January meeting, a fast turn-around is necessary. The question was also raised whether this program would also qualify a graduate to work as a representative or agent for athletes, and the answer was that it does have the possibility for that kind of option, especially since New Media has some strong PR staff. Dr. Wearn also pointed out that once the program is approved by the BOR, it is interdisciplinary and MGA will have time to refine any details. The question was then raised whether any other USG schools have something similar already. The first time the proposal was made four years ago it was blocked because it was similar to some other offerings at other institutions, but the change in the college offering the program and the stronger tie to management instead of health would make our program much more competitive, since other programs are more based in health sciences or education, not business, at least in Georgia.

New Business

Mr. Swenson announced that since the rule concerning Senators having proposals on the agenda for 10 days before a meeting was causing problems for Academic Affairs. He proposed sending a request to the Executive Committee to change the rule to five days in advance instead of ten. Dr. Wearn noted that the new online system should have proposals in the Senate workflow about two weeks before a meeting so it wouldn't delay Senators getting access to proposals in good time, once the technological glitches were all

Dr. Whiddon raised the concern over uncertainty about whether or not faculty were discouraged by the Provost's office from using the email ~~list~~serve to make announcements