

**Middle Georgia State University Faculty Senate AY 2018–2019**  
**Meeting #8 TEB 231, Macon Campus**  
**Friday, April 26, 2019**

**Present:**

Dr. Donna Balding, Assistant Chair of Natural Sciences  
Dr. Shannon Beasley, Assistant Professor of Information Technology  
Dr. Kathleen Burt, Senate Recorder, Assistant Professor of English  
Ms. Patsy Butts, Assistant Professor of Nursing  
Mr. Adam Craig, Instructor of Aviation Maintenance and Structural Technology  
Ms. Vanessa Paige Crump, Associate Professor of Spanish  
Dr. Maritza Bell-Corrales, Professor of Spanish  
Dr. Lorraine Dubuisson, Associate Professor of English  
Ms. Robin Grant, Electronic Resources Librarian  
Ms. Lisa Henry, Assistant Professor of Air Traffic Management  
Dr. Chris Hill, Assistant Professor of Mathematics  
Dr. Melissa Jordan, Assistant Professor of Health Services Administration  
Dr. Mary Mears, Associate Professor of English  
Dr. John Pattillo, Associate Professor of Biology  
Dr. Kimberley Pickens, Associate Professor of Biology  
Dr. Randy Spaid, Professor of Education  
Dr. Kara Svonavec, Lecturer of History and Political Science  
Mr. Kirby Swenson, Chair of the Faculty Senate, Assistant Professor of Biology  
Dr. Stephen Taylor, Professor of History and Political Science  
Mr. Edwynn Wallace, Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate, Associate Professor of Physics  
Ms. Lacey Wallace, Department of Nursing  
Dr. Steven Wallace, Vice-Chair of the Faculty Senate, Associate Professor of Mathematics  
Dr. Lily Wang, Associate Professor of Mathematics  
Dr. Kelly Whiddon, Associate Professor of English

**Absent/Excused:**

Ms. Jasmine Brown, Assistant Professor of Respiratory Therapy  
Dr. Shirley Camp, Assistant Professor of Nursing  
Dr. Greg George, Associate Professor of Economics  
Dr. Richard Kilburn, Assistant Professor of Mathematics  
Dr. Anthony Narsing, Professor of Management  
Dr. Evaristus Obinyan, Assistant Professor of Education and Behavioral Sciences  
Mr. Lee Simmons, Assistant Professor of Art

**Guests:**

Dr. Jon Anderson, Provost  
Dr. Rhonda Amerson, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education and Social Work  
Dr. Victoria Guarisco, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, Associate Professor of Chemistry  
Dr. Shane Trayers, Associate Professor of English  
Mr. Jeff Wiles, Assistant Professor of Natural Sciences

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

Mr. Swenson called the meeting to order at 10:03. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Spaid made the motion and Dr. Taylor seconded.

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

Dr. Blake could not be present to present his report in person since he is attending the installation of the new President of Gordon State. Mr. Swenson read the report. Dr. Blake expressed his thanks to the Senate for all their work this year. He noted that as per his remarks at the Assembly yesterday, the budget had been approved, resulting in a \$2 million increase for MGA. Half of the money would go towards benefits, and the remaining \$1.1million will be divided between Academic Affairs and the rest of the university operations. Tuition will be raised next year by 2 ½% for undergraduates, and 2% for graduate students.

He also noted that construction on the Macon campus roads is scheduled to begin in late July. He also wanted to remind all faculty and staff that Convocation for Fall will be ALL DAY Monday, August 5. Everyone is requested and expected to attend.

Mr. Swenson added, with Dr. Anderson's approval, that as Nancy Stroud had announced at Assembly, there would be a 2% merit-based pay increase.

### **Report from Dr. Anderson**

Dr. Anderson said that nothing had changed since his presentation to the Assembly yesterday, but he had a few comments to present to the Senate. First, he presented the Senate Chair with gavel in thanks for his work this year.

He asked if there were any questions.

Dr. Taylor said that he had been asked to put forward some questions concerning the deployment of staff

Dr. Anderson also said that he anticipated by January of 2020, that the full school-based strategy would be in place.

### **Reports from Standing Committees and Boards**

Mr. Swenson

voice vote to accept the revised Bylaws. Dr. Trayers noted that the results of the recent elections would not be available until Monday.

### **Other Announcements or Reports**

Mr. Wiles came forward to make his presentation on behalf of the Faculty Recognition Committee, and introduce a new award for part-time faculty. Dr. Dubuisson made a motion to consider, and Dr. Taylor seconded. The question was raised about would this award be distinguished from the same award for regular faculty? Mr. Wiles said that it would be. A suggestion was made about possibly in the future adding a service award for part-time faculty. Mr. Wiles said he would bring the idea back to the committee. The Senate voted by voice vote to accept the proposal.

Ms. Crump came forward to present electronically from Dublin on behalf of the ad hoc committee for student Evaluations of Faculty. She said that the ad hoc committee had been charged to find ways to gage student responsibility in class. She said the committee looked at a variety of instruments and tools and settled on creating there, one each for face to face classes, hybrid and partially online courses, and fully online courses. Dr. Hill made a motion to consider the proposals, and Dr. Mears seconded. The first observation was that the word “better” should not be used as a verb, but could be replaced with something like “improve”. Ms. Crump noted that the purpose was to figure out how to both asses instruction as well as provide information for improvement. It was pointed out that several questions considered elements not under the instructor’s control, and the question was raised about whether such



