

Middle Georgia State University Faculty Senate AY 2019–2020

Meeting #1 TEB 231, Macon Campus

Friday, September 6, 2019

Present:

Dr. Maritza Bell-Corrales, Professor of Spanish

Mr. Richard Binkley, Assistant Professor of Aviation Science and Management

Dr. Kathleen Burt, Senate Recorder, Assistant Professor of English

Ms. Vanessa Paige Crump, Associate Professor of Spanish

Ms. Shannon Daly, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Dr. Lorraine Dubuisson, Associate Professor of English

Dr. Greg George, Associate Professor of Economics

Ms. Rebekah Hazlett-Knudson, Assistant Professor of Psychology

Dr. Chris Hill, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Ms. Kassi Hill, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Dr. Richard Kilburn, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Ms. Tamatha Lambert, Director of Library Services

Dr. Charles Matson, Professor of Respiratory Therapy

Dr. Mary Mears, Associate Professor of English

Dr. John Pattillo, Associate Professor of Biology

Dr. Kimberly Pickens, Professor of Biology

Dr. Vicky Sandoval, Assistant Professor of Information Technology

Dr. Steven Wallace, Associate Professor of Mathematics

Dr. Lily Wang, Professor of Mathematics

Ms. Kathy Wilcox, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Absent/Excused:

Dr. LaVette Burnette, Associate Professor of Communication

Dr. Sheree Keith, Professor of Communication

Dr. Anthony Narsing, Professor of Management

Dr. Evaristus Obinyan, Assistant Professor of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Ms. Stephanie Tolliver-Epps, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Mr. Robert Torres, Lecturer of Aviation Maintenance Technology

Mr. Edwynn Wallace, Vice President of the Faculty Senate, Associate Professor of Physics

Dr. Kelly Whiddon, Associate Professor of English

Guests:

Dr. Jon Anderson, Provost (present electronically)

Dr. Shane Trayers, Associate Professor of English, Chair of the Executive Committee

Dr. Deborah Matthews, Associate Provost and Professor of English

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Mr. Swenson called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Old Business

The first order of business was to elect a Parliamentarian since the Senator who was elected last Spring has since left the university. Mr. Swenson called for nominations. Dr. Wallace nominated Dr. Kilburn, and Dr. Taylor seconded. Mr. Swenson nominated Dr. Matson, and Dr. Dubuisson

Dr. Taylor announced that he would like to figure out a way to allow for 2 days time between the end of the Finals period and Final Grades being due in order to allow enough time for full and fair assessment.

Dr. Kilburn said that some of the conflict likely came from the Full term courses ending a day before Short term 2 courses, and the need to try and align administering exams. He wondered if there could be a way to realign or adjust this scheduling gap. Dr. Wallace pointed out that Dr. Brouwer, of the Math Department, was the one who sets up the model for the Final Exam

before contacting the President. The idea was presented of possibly tasking Faculty Affairs as the most relevant committee with the question and bringing it back in time to have potential changes in time for faculty designing Spring syllabi. This would mean having anything requiring a Senate vote before the Senate at either the November or December meetings.

Dr. Trayers pointed out that the Executive Committee meets next Friday, and that this question might be put on the agenda for that meeting.

Mr. Swenson reviewed what was currently under consideration: he would email Dr. Anderson and the Executive Committee would task possibly Faculty Affairs to return an answer by hopefully November 1. Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the proposal, and Dr. Dubuisson seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Other Announcements or Reports

Mr. Swenson reminded the Senators that the next Senate meeting would be October 4, and to watch their emails for the link to the draft of the Minutes, and a week or so later, a link to vote on approval. He will cc the Senate on the email to Dr. Anderson.

Mr. Swenson moved to conclude the meeting. There were no objections.

Kathleen Burt, Recorder