

Middle Georgia State University Faculty Senate AY 2019–2020

Meeting #2 TEB 231, Macon Campus

Friday, October 4 2019

Present:

Dr. Maritza BellCorrales, Professor of Spanish

Dr. LaVette Burnette, Associate Professor of Communication

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

Ms. Kassi Hill, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Dr. Chris Hill, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Dr. Sheree Keith, Professor of Communication

Dr. Richard Kilburn, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Ms. Tamatha Lambert, Director of Library Services

Dr. Charles Matson, Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate, Professor of Respiratory Therapy

Dr. Anthony Narsing, Professor of Management

Dr. Kimberly Pickens, Professor of Biology

Mr. Kirby Swenson, Chair of the Faculty Senate, Assistant Professor of Biology

Mr. Robert Torres, Lecturer of Aviation Maintenance Technology

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

Dr. Steven Wallace, Associate Professor of Mathematics

Dr. Kelly Whiddon, Associate Professor of English

Dr. Lily Wang, Professor of Mathematics

Ms. Kathy Wilcox, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Absent/Excused:

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

Dr. Mary Mears, Associate Professor of English

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

Dr. John Pattillo, Associate Professor of Biology

Dr. Vicky Sandoval, Assistant Professor of Information Technology

Dr. Kara Svonavec, Lecturer of History

Dr. Stephen Taylor, Professor of History and Political Science

Ms. Stephanie TolliveEpps, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Guests:

Dr. Rhonda Amerson, Chair of Academic Affairs Committee, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education and Social Work

Dr. David Biek, Dean of the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes and Agenda

growth in online enrollments. Dr. Blake announced that he was asking the Board of Regents and Chancellor for \$5 million in funding for increasing the aviation programs, and he was hopeful for a positive outcome. A request for funding at Dublin was currently on hold, but he was optimistic that might be reintroduced with the argument that it would be helpful in growing the nursing programs in Dublin, which would help address the local and statewide shortage of nurses.

Dr. Blake also said the USG was pleased with MGA enrollment, and since we are not increasing tuition, he was going to be asking them for possible special or other funding. Whatever the outcomes, the university will know in April.

Dr. Blake congratulated the Eastman campus on their recent international accreditation.

The question was asked about the status of the proposed partnership with Delta announced last year. Dr. Blake responded that conversations were continuing and continuing to move forward. MGA has agreed to recruit students from Delta, and they have agreed to bring MGA to their employees for online education and training. The real effects from this will begin in the spring. MGA is applying for grant from Delta to fund the institution to provide training to Delta employees at the Hartfield Jackson airport, although this was not yet fully confirmed.

Report from Dr. Anderson

Dr. Anderson could not be present because he was out of town, but he did provide a message for

recommendation? The Senate could potentially recommend a change to the MGA part of the policy, but not the USG section. Dr. Wearn said that the Senate could recommend such a change to the administration. Dr. Matthews pointed out that there is a clear policy stating instructor authority to act concerning any potential classroom distractions, which would cover this, such as vaping. Distractions to students or to the instructor would fall under this purview. Josh Waters, University Counsel, would likely be the best person to consult about how to go about getting the wording changed. Ed Wallace made a motion that the Senate recommend to the University Council that the term "vaping products" be added to the list of prohibited substances and devices in the Middle Georgia State University's Tobacco Free Campus Policy. The recommended wording was then clarified as "vaping products and devices". The Senate approved the proposal by voice vote. The question was raised concerning potential language added to course syllabi. Mr. Swenson suggested possibly sending a note to the Provost. The point was then raised whether this sort of thing might not already be covered by the standard requirement to follow the policies of the Student Handbook. Mr. Swenson suggested that faculty be notified of the change (if/when it is made) to the handbook.

Mr. Swenson made one final announcement. He reminded the Senate that ~~Chairman~~ ~~Chairman~~ missed the first meeting of the year to attend the birth of his child, and congratulations to his family were extended. Mr. Wallace showed a picture of his family with their new addition.

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

Kathleen Burt, Recorder