

Middle Georgia State University Faculty Senate AY 2019–2020

Meeting #3 TEB 231, Macon Campus

Friday, November 1 2019

Present:

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

Dr. LaVette Burnette, Associate Professor of Communication

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

Mr. Adam Craig, Instructor of Aviation Maintenance and Structural Technology

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

Dr. Chris Hill, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Ms. Kassi Hill, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Dr. Sheree Keith, Professor of Communication

Ms. Tamatha Lambert, Director of Library Services

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

Dr. Mary Mears, Associate Professor of English

Dr. Anthony Narsing, Professor of Management

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

Dr. John Pattillo, Associate Professor of Biology

Dr. Kimberly Pickens, Professor of Biology

Dr. Vicky Sandoval, Assistant Professor of Information Technology

Dr. Kara Svonavec, Lecturer of History

Mr. Swenson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Taylor made the motion; Dr. Hill seconded. The motion was approved.

Dr. Wallace asked if MGA has a representative on the core redesign committee, and who it was.

New Business

Dr. Wallace presented his report from having attended the USG Faculty Council meeting October 17-18, 2019. The first day consisted largely of committee meetings a report from Dr. Bell the Vice Chancellor of Research and Policy Analysis. Dr. Bell presented on the USG Strategic Plan for 2020-

collecting feedback on the principles via anonymous online comments. The Principles are as follows: (1) well-roundedness, (2) foundational skills and diverse learning perspectives, (3) coherence and connectedness to knowledge and chosen profession, (4) development of 21st century skills, (5) success in all settings, and (6) flexibility with seamless institutional transferability. The goal is for the Implementation Committee to make its recommendations by February 2020. Dr. Wallace noted that many people were concerned about the Core Redesign, especially concerning unknown effects that might occur for instruction staffing. He said that both Dr. Denley and Vice Chancellor Marty Venn admitted that the differences in the new and old Core Curricula may have an effect on the job force needs; some faculty's work may "shift," but new degree opportunities may also arise. They do not currently expect

Ms. Wilcox seconded. The voice vote was in favor of establishing the ad hoc committee to further explore the idea of formalizing some kind of mentorship program for new faculty. Dr. Burnette, Ms. Wilcox, and Ms. Lambert volunteered to be on the committee.

Mr. Swenson presented his second proposal to address evaluation of Chairs and Deans. No one had been able to find clear specific evidence that such evaluations had been done with any certainty since 2014. Mr. Swenson stated that he would like to see evaluations of Chairs and Deans by faculty done annually, and receiving some kind of official notice that the evaluations

results had gone nowhere. The suggestion was made that Dr. Keith, who is part of the Institutional Policy and Campus Affairs committee, could review what was currently available and what might need to be done to get materials together. Dr. Loretta Clayton had led the 2018 committee and she might still have their work recorded, and Mr. Swenson said he could probably find work done of a similar sort from 2014.

Dr. Wallace made a motion to go forward with locating previously done work by past committees to be reviewed by Institutional Policy and Campus Affairs who would finalize an instrument and procedure, and report back to the Senate on findings at their February meeting. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion. Dr. Burnette suggested possibly adding an implementation date of 2020, as an idea not part of the proposal. The vote was 26 in favor, 0 opposed. The proposal passed.

Mr. Swenson thanked the Senators for being diligent to do the work they were embarking on. He reminded those attending remotely to please email him their attendance, and that the next meeting was in three weeks on November 22. He said to be on the table for the proposals from Academic Affairs to be considered at that meeting.

Other Announcements or Reports 253tbna 253tb1rof -0<</MCID 2 >>BDC -2.91 -2.33 Td [(M)-1((I)-2