

Executive Committee

January 17, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Academic Affairs Conference Room, Administration Building, Macon Campus

Conference call information: (Dial-in number (605)3135111, Access code 747485)

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 on 1/17.

Present

Shane Trayers, Chair

Lorraine Dubuisson, Recorder

Kara Svonavec, Governance Historian

Gerald Buffone

Alex Ekwuaju

Dawn Fuller

Julie Lester

Kembley Lingelbach

Andre Nicholson

Sherie Owens

Stephan Sckowski

Troy Sullivan

David Vogel

Stephanie Tolliver Epps, Senator

Steven Wallace, Senator

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Dr. Nicholson made a motion that the minutes from the last meeting on November 8, 2019, be approved; Dr. Dubuisson seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously. Dr. Dubuisson made a motion that the meeting agenda be approved; Dr. Nicholson seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Dr. Dubuisson nominated herself to be Chair; Dr. Sullivan made a motion that she be elected to the position, Dr. Wallace seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Subcommittee on Senator Appointments reported on the data they collected about Senators serving on committees. The majority of respondents to the survey indicated that they did not think enough time had elapsed to judge the efficacy of the new practice. The survey raised additional questions that were answered in the meeting: Senators can serve as Chair committees; we will begin each academic year with Senators already populated on these committees; the Provost might wish to give Senators additional charges to clarify their roles on the committees. Dr. Trayers thinks meeting with2 (ng w)2 (i)-2cng w01 Tw T*wti0g wtorsDses Provost

Dr. Lester brought a proposal on Representation on Faculty Senate, committees, and RSAs. Dr. Wallace made a motion to amend Article IV, Section A of the bylaws to read:

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The Diversity Committee submitted a proposal that requests the university create U.N.D.E.R.S.T.A.N.D. representatives. U.N.D.E.R.S.T.A.N.D. representatives will be volunteer faculty, staff, and/or administration members. The representatives will utilize private university spaces (offices or meeting rooms) to facilitate private discussions with any individual seeking anonymous diversity issue aid. Ms. Fuller made a motion to accept the proposal, Dr. Sullivan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Dr. Trayers agreed to pass on the concerns about liability mentioned by some members of the Diversity Committee.

Dr. Trayers reminded EC of the upcoming elections and repopulation of committees, boards, and Senate with the goal of a completed chart (minus students) by the end of the semester.

She tasked committee members to get copies