

**Middle Georgia State University Faculty Senate AY 2020-2021
Special Meeting via Microsoft Teams
Friday, August 3, 2020**

Present:

Mr Charles Agnew , Professor of Accounting and Program Coordinator
Mr Richard Binkley , Assistant Professor of Aviation Science and Management
Dr Erin Bioness , Associate Professor of Psychology
Mr Gerald Buffone , Associate Professor of Chemistry
Dr Kahleen Butt , Assistant Professor of English
Ms Vanes "Paige" Campbell , Associate Professor of Spanish
Ms Shannon Daly , Assistant Professor of Nursing
Mr Dane Day , Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Dr Stephen Flier , Professor of English
Mr Greg George , Associate Professor of Business
Dr John Hall , Assistant Professor of Political Science
Dr John Harsen , Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Ms Rebekah Hazel-Knudson , Assistant Professor of Psychology
Ms Kai Hill , Assistant Professor of Nursing
Dr Scott Hinz , Assistant Professor of Psychology
Dr Renat Khatmlin , Associate Professor of Chemistry
Dr Richard Kilburn , Chair of the Faculty Senate, Associate Professor of Mathematics
Ms Tamaha Lambert , Recorder of the Faculty Senate , Director of Library Services
Mr Daniel Lin, Lecturer of Mathematics
Dr Anthony Wang , Professor of Management
Dr John Pattillo, Vice-Chair of the Faculty Senate, Professor of Biology
Dr Vicky Sandoval , Assistant Professor of Information Technology

Dr Lorine Dion, Chair of the Executive Committee, Associate Professor of English
Dr Michael Gibbons, Interim Associate Provost
Mr Brian Haell, Director of Residence Life
Ms Ann Lucas, Student Health Services Practitioner
Mr David Sims, Assistant Vice President of Facilities
Ms Vicki Smith, Executive Director of Human Resources
Ms Jennifer Senander, Vice President Enrollment Management
Ms Nancy Stod, Executive Vice President Finance & Operations
Mr Chris Tavey, Director of Effectiveness & Assistant Professor of Health Administration

Swearing in of New Senators

President Blake administered the oath of office to the new senators. The new senators affirmed the oath by saying, "I swear in the chat box of Microsoft Teams." The eleven new senators are: Dr. Hinz; Dr. Haell; Mr. Yong; Dr. Bion; Mr. Lin; Mr. Day; Dr. Khatill; Dr. Thomas; Mr. Agnew; Mr. Biffone; and Dr. Filler.

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Dr. Kilbuck called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Dr. Kilbuck asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Patillo made the motion; Mr. Agnew seconded. The motion was passed.

Report from President Blake

Dr. Blake welcomed faculty back. He thanked faculty for shifting online to 9.6 (m)4 / 123.7 (2.9) 3.6 (1.6) 1.3 (1.6) 2.7

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contacting, specifically about the potential for faculty to be exposed to people in COVID
before they are notified.

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Dr Blake acknowledged that there are a lot of emotions related to the coronavirus pandemic
outlined the various measures that the University has taken to mitigate, but not eliminate, the risks
associated with COVID-19. He noted there are gaps in the feedback loop because of delays in
testing. He said that Dr Underwood and her team are currently monitoring the virus
communication tools that have been created.

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Dr Flanagan suggested that it might be necessary to delay the beginning of the semester by weeks

Dr Maheswari stated that it cannot be in conflict with the USG policy that face-to-face classes cannot be fully online. She mentioned that if approved by one of the department chairs, face-to-face classes could be changed to hybrid or partially online.

Dr Taylor asked about the financial impact to MGA if we were to transition to fully online classes again this fall. Dr Kilburn recognized Ms. Stodt to answer. She mentioned that most of the financial impact from the program is mitigated by the following: 1. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.