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Dr. Rebekah Hazlett-Knudsen, Assistant Professor of Social Work
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Dr. Scott Hinze, Assistant Professor of Psychology
Dr. Renat Khatmullin, Associate Professor of Chemistry
Dr. Richard Kilburn, Chair of the Faculty Senate, Associate Professor of Mathematics
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Dr. Anthony Narsing, Professor of Management
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Dr. Deepak Arora, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs
Dr. David Biek, Dean, School of Education and Behavioral Sciences
Dr. Christopher Blake, University President
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Dr. Steve Morse, Dean, School of Business
Dr. Mary Wearn, Dean, School of Arts & Letters

Dr. Kilburn called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Kilburn asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the most recent meeting on Nov.6, 2020. He noted there had been one change. Dr. ~~Pattillo~~Pattillo made the motion; Dr. Narsing seconded. There was no discussion. The vote was 25 in favor of approval, 1 opposed. The minutes were approved.

Dr. Kilbourne asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the current meeting. Dr. Khatmullin made the motion; Mr. Agnew seconded. There was no discussion. The vote was 23 in favor, 0 opposed. The agenda was approved.

Report from President Blake

Dr. Blake prefaced his report by expressing his thanks to all faculty, staff, and administration for their hard work so far this semester and presented his encouragement as we approach the final weeks of the term. He also expressed gratitude for the institutions comparatively low COVID numbers this semester, around 200 cases. He gave a shout out to Dr. Tara Underwood and her taskforce for all their hard work so far, and wished everyone a soc-6 (i)- 6()-10 (w)22 (a)-,4 ()TJO -1.15-6 (i)- 6(00 Tc 0 Tw M.neh1-11 ()10 (sa13 (e)-6

various projects, many nearing completion. Dr. Blake said all of this is an encouraging message concerning MGA's success is obtaining outside resources, especially in face of the 10% budget cuts for the USG. MGA's budget has been submitted, and our administrators will go make the case for the institution early next year. Dr. Blake hopes that for FY 2022 the system will return to the enrollment-based formula, and that MGA will be able to receive the budget we would have been based on that calculation.

Dr. Blake stated that in view of the budget situations, Spring Semester 2021 enrollment is going to be important. This will be monitored. Enrollment is now back ahead, coming back from having been behind. Dr. Blake suggested part of this may have come from cohort registration in some programs and schools. He again expressed his thanks to everyone for their hard work so far.

The question was raised about whether the USG has changed its position concerning the current plans for a Spring Semester back on campus, given the recent spike in COVID-19 cases. Dr. Blake said no, at least not yet. He explained that he had asked that when he spoke with the Chancellor yesterday; he also said tht

Dr. Wearn pointed out that there had been a year when the institution was Macon College where a new evaluation form had been introduced and students had not understood some of the adjustments and re-scaling, so there had been letters put in faculty files recording that that year had been anomalous.

No other suggestions were made for motions or actions.

Dr. ~~Kilburn~~Kilburn then made motion to temporarily amend the voting rules of the Senate because there had not been enough time with the condensed semester timeline to fully allow 5 days' review of the agenda items coming up. Dr. ~~Patillo~~Patillo seconded. There was no discussion; the vote was 26 in favor, none opposed. The motion was approved.

Report from the Academic Affairs Committee

Dr. Burnette announced that there were representatives for each of the new programs up for discussion and approval available to answer specific questions.

The first proposal was P-POSC-05-AA-2020-2021, for African and African Diaspora Studies (AADS). Dr. Biek said that this program was both timely and in line with what offerings from our peer institutions. He also noted that MGA's location was especially pertinent since it had connections with the African diaspora, and 40% of our students have some African heritage. Dr. Briones asked exactly what sort of program type was this? Dr. Burnette said that this was a minor. Dr. Kilburn suggested voting on the programs and included courses as packages together. Dr. Burnette agrees with the idea. Mr. Agnew made the motion to address the program and its associated courses (AADS 2000 Introduction to African and African Diaspora Studies, C-POSC-15-AA-2020-2021; AADS 4900 African and African Diaspora Field Research, C-POSC-06-AA-2020-2021; POLS 3107 American Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties, C-POSC-09-AA-2020-2021; POLS 3323 African Politics, C-POSC-03-AA-2020-2021), and Dr. Narsing seconded. The vote was 24 in favor, 0 opposed. The proposal was approved.

Dr. Burnette brought forward the second proposal, a B.A. in Spanish (P-MCA-03-AA-2020-2021;;

C-PSCJ-03-AA-2020-2021; ABA 4220 Behavior Assessment, C-PSCJ-04-AA-2020-2021; ABA 4300 Behavior-Change Procedures and Interventions, C-PSCJ-05-AA-2020-2021; ABA 4310 Supervision and Management for Applied Behavior Analysis, C-PSCJ-06-AA-2020-2021. Dr. Biek said that this program has been in development for some time and that it provided a first step towards clinical experience, and could provide the practical component needed to sit for ABA certification. Dr. Briones made the motion to consider the proposal; Dr. Hazlett-Knudsen seconded. There was no additional discussion. The vote was 26 in favor, 0 opposed. The proposal was approved.

Dr. Burnette presented the next proposal, a program which would be offered through the School of IT, Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (P-IT-01-AA-2020-2021) and 5 new associated courses: ITEC 3400 Technology Entrepreneurship, C-IT-04-AA-2020-2021; ITEC 3405 Creativity & Innovation, C-IT-05-AA-2020-2021; ITEC 3410 Startups Financing and Marketing Strategies, C-IT-0w-2021-2021

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