

Middle Georgia State University Faculty Senate AY 2020 -2021
Meeting # 8 via Microsoft Teams
Friday, May 7, 2021

Present:

Mr. Richard Binkley, Assistant Professor of Aviation Science and Management
Dr. Ervin Briones, Associate Professor of Psychology
Dr. Kathleen Burt, Assistant Professor of English
Ms. Lauren Cater, Assistant Professor of Film Production
Ms. Vanessa "Paige" Crump, Associate Professor of Spanish
Mr. Duane Day, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Dr. Stephen Fuller, Professor of English
Dr. Greg George, Associate Professor of Business
Dr. Joshua Harrelson, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Dr. Rebekah Hazlett Knudsen, Assistant Professor of Social Work
Dr. Scott Hinze, Assistant Professor of Psychology
Dr. Richard Kilburn, Chair of the Faculty Senate, Associate Professor of Mathematics
Dr. Renat Khatmullin, Associate Professor of Chemistry
Ms. Tamatha Lambert, Recorder of the Faculty Senate, Director of Library Services
Mr. Daniel Lin, Lecturer of Mathematics
Dr. Benita Muth, Professor of English & Coordinator of Graduate Technical Writing Programs
Dr. Anthony Narsing, Professor of Management
Dr. John Pattillo, Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate, Professor of Biology
Dr. Vicky Sandoval, Assistant Professor of Information Technology
Dr. Kara Svonavec, Senior Lecturer of History
Dr. Stephen Taylor, Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate, Professor of History
Dr. Laura Thomason, Professor of English & Provost Fellow for International Programs
Ms. Marla Thompson, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies
Dr. Stephanie Tolliver Epps, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Mr. Robert Torres, Lecturer of Aviation Maintenance Technology
Mr. Adam Young, Associate Professor of English

Absent/Excused:

Ms. Angela Adams, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Mr. Charlie Agnew, Professor of Art & Art Program Coordinator
Mr. Gerald Buffone, Associate Professor of Chemistry
Ms. Shannon Daly, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Mr. Paul Donnell, Lecturer of Aviation Maintenance & Structural Technology
Dr. John Hall, Assistant Professor of Political Science
Dr. Kassi Hill, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Dr. Charles Matson, Professor of Respiratory Therapy
Ms. Elisha Plaxico, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Mr. Kirby Swenson, Associate Professor of Biology

Guests:

Dr. Deepa Arora, Associate Provost

Dr. Kevin Cantwell, Associate Provost & Dean of Graduate Studies

Dr. Lorraine Dubuisson, Chair of the Executive Committee, Associate Professor of English

Dr. Michael Gibbons, Associate Provost

Dr. Tara Underwood, Dean, School of Health & Natural Sciences

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

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

Dr. Kilburn noted that the minutes from our April 2 meeting were approved electronically on May 3.

Dr. Kilburn asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the current meeting. Mr. Day made the motion; Dr. Hazlett-Knudsen seconded. There was no discussion. The agenda was approved.

Report from President Blake

Dr. Blake noted that the University will hold five in-person commencement ceremonies next week. Each ceremony will be modified to account for COVID-19 conditions and limitations.

In the fall the University will return to hosting our annual Faculty and S4 (nd S44 (a)4 (t)-2-3 (OD)2 (-ul)-2 n t)-

the document entitled, Faculty Handbook Modifications and Approval – Faculty Senate May 7th in his email to the Senate. Dr. Pattillo also uploaded a copy of the document to the Teams meeting for Senators to review. Dr. Taylor moved that we consider all of these items as one unit. Dr. Briones seconded his motion. The motion passed without objection.

Dr. Taylor asked about additional references to SACSCOC in the modifications. Dr. Cantwell agreed that some clarification about SACSCOC was appropriate. There was not further discussion. Dr. Taylor's original motion to accept the modifications as presented was passed without objection.

Dr. Matthews mentioned that copies of Boyer's model of scholarship, **Scholarship Reconsidered: Priorities of the Professoriate** are available in each of the Schools and on reserve in the Library.

Faculty Senate Officers, 2021-2022

Dr. Kilburn asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Dr. Taylor nominated Dr. Pattillo. Dr. Pattillo accepted the nomination. Dr. Pattillo was elected without objection.

Dr. Kilburn asked for nominations for Recorder. Ms. Lambert volunteered to serve as the recorder. She was elected without objection.

New Business

Dr. Kilburn asked if there was any new business. Dr. Briones thanked Dr. Kilburn for leading the Senate.

Dr. Kilburn mentioned that our next meeting is the first Friday in September.

Dr. Kilburn asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Fuller made the motion. There were no objections.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Ms. Lambert, Recorder