

Middle Georgia State University Faculty Senate AY 2021-2022
Meeting # 7 via Microsoft Teams
Friday, April 1 , 2022

Present:

Ms. Angela Adams, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Mr. Charlie Agnew, Professor of Art
Mr. Rex Andrews, Assistant Professor of Aviation
Dr. Ervin Briones, Associate Professor of Psychology
Dr. Gerald Buffone, Associate Professor of Chemistry
Dr. Kathleen Burt, Assistant Professor of English
Ms. Lauren Cater, Assistant Professor of Film Production
Dr. William Cole, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education
Mr. Adam Craig, Lecturer of Aviation Maintenance and Structural Technology
Ms. Vanessa "Paige" Crum, Associate Professor of Spanish
Ms. Shannon Daly, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Mr. Duane Day, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Dr. Lorraine Dubuisson, Associate Professor of English
Dr. Stephen Fuller, Professor of English
Ms. Nancy Guyse, Assistant Professor of Respiratory Therapy
Dr. John Hall, Assistant Professor of Political Science
Dr. Joshua Harrelson, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Dr. Scott Hinze, Assistant Professor of Psychology
Ms. Joyce Hollins, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Dr. Richard Kilburn, Chair of the Faculty Senate, Associate Professor of Mathematics
Ms. Tamatha Lambert, Recorder of the Faculty Senate, Director of Library Services
Mr. Dusty Lowery, Assistant Professor of Aviation
Dr. Charles Matson, Professor of Respiratory Therapy
Dr. Benita Muth, Professor of English & Coordinator of Graduate Technical Writing Programs
Dr. John Pattillo, Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate, Professor of Biology
Dr. Trip Shinn, Professor of Business
Mr. Christopher Smith, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Dr. Alan Stines, Assistant Professor of Information Technology
Dr. Kara

Guests:

Dr. Deepa Arora, Associate Provost Professor of Biology
Ms. Pamela Booker, Executive Director of Human Resources
Dr. Loretta Clayton, Interim Dean of Graduate Studies
Dr. Michael Gibbons, Associate Provost, Associate Professor of Sociology
Dr. Paul Gladden, Chair of Psychology & Criminal Justice, Associate Professor of Psychology
Dr. Alex Koohang, Dean, School of Computing
Dr. Anthony Narsing, Interim Dean, School of Business
Dr. Andrew Reeves, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, Associate Professor of History
Dr. Tara Underwood, Dean, School of Health & Natural Sciences
Dr. Steven Wallace, Chair of the Executive Committee, Associate Professor of Mathematics

Call to Order

Dr. Kilburn called the meeting to order. He mentioned that the March 4 minutes were approved electronically. Dr. Kilburn asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Hall displayed the agenda. Dr. Hall moved to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved.

Report from President Blake

President Blake shared that Blake Harrison joined the Office of University Advancement and Alumni Affairs as the Director of Annual Giving. Also, Dr. Stephen Schultheis, our new Vice President for Enrollment Management, begins today.

Applications for the fall semester are increasing steadily. Registrations began a week later than they did last year. Institutional Research is comparing registrations by days, rather than by dates that we have an accurate comparison.

Our budget hearing went well. President Blake, Provost Jenks, Executive VP Stroud, Ms. Mitchell, and Chief of Staff Bentley attended the hearing. Budgets will be revealed in two weeks when the USG presidents meet at Albany State University.

The faculty salary study being performed by the Carl Vinson Institute is finished except for some minor revisions. Provost Jenks will elaborate on the study in his report.

President Blake mentioned that he will not be able to attend the Senate's last meeting on April 29. He and the other USG presidents will be meeting with Chancellor Perdue. Dr. Kilburn noted the reason the Senate is meeting twice in April is because exams begin the first week of May.

Report from Provost Jenks

Dr. Marc Miller will become our new Dean for the School of Business effective July 1.

The minor revisions to the Carl Vinson faculty salary study that President Blake mentioned included some faculty being listed in the wrong discipline and/or not being coded correctly with a terminal degree, like the MFA. Dr. Jenks thanked Dr. Gibbons and Mr. Tsavatewa for their meticulous corrections to the study.

Provost Jenks thanked the Senate's PTPTR-Adc Committee, specifically Drs. Taylor and Dubuisson. Our PTPTR policies have been aligned with the system office. We need to finalize some minor details, but we are in good shape.

Ms. Booker joined Provost Jenks by mentioning the COLA increases are being processed as quickly as possible. The guidance we received from the USG has been posted as a Q&A on HR's website.

Provost Jenks mentioned that this is his first spring semester MGA. He has enjoyed the various events we are hosting such as Tunes & Balloons, SOAL's Arts Festival, the SEBS Wall of Fame, etc.

Executive Committee

Dr. Wallace, Chair of the Executive Committee, submitted a proposal to modify the Faculty Handbook. He explained the nine items in the proposal. Dr. Taylor motioned to consider the items as a group. Dr. Dubuisson seconded. The nine items in the proposal were approved without discussion or opposition.

Dr. Wallace shared a proposal to discuss various policies in the Faculty Handbook. Dr. Taylor motioned to consider the items as a group; Dr. Hall seconded. Dr. Wallace explained the four items in the proposal. Various senators asked questions and shared opinions about the items. The discussions centered on surprise/disappointment at the number of faculty office hours reference in the handbook, confusion about some lecturers being expected to perform service and scholarship, potential conflict with lecturer workload obligations associated with the new PTPTR guidelines and deleting the officer position descriptions and replacing those descriptions with links. Dr. Jenks mentioned that we need to ensure that workloads for lecturers are consistent across all six schools. Dr. Pattillo moved to accept numbers 1 and 2 as stated, take no action on number 3 until the PTPTR ad hoc committee is consulted, and reword item four as, "number of office hours should not exceed 8." Dr. Pattillo's motion was approved with one objection. Dr. Dubuisson asked Dr. Wallace to invite Dr. Taylor and herself to the Executive Committee meeting whenever the item related to lecturer workloads is addressed. Dr. Kilburn asked Dr. Jenks to share the change in office hours with the deans.

Academic Affairs Committee

Dr. Reeves, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, presented two program modifications. Dr. Taylor moved to consider the elementary/special education program modification. Mr. Day seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was approved. Dr. Briones moved to consider the psychology program modification. Dr. Stines seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was approved.

New Business

Dr. Kilburn mentioned that the positions of Vice Chair, Parliamentarian, and Recorder would be