• Because this proposal has been considered in several committees, there is a preference to have the EC vote on this proposal today, rather than keeping it unresolved.

Chris Hill moved that the EC vote on the proposal in its current state. Javan Frasier seconded. The committee voted on the "Promotion for faculty without terminal degrees" proposal was 2 for and 7 against.

Monica Miller moved that a subcommittee be formed to draft a recommendation letter to the Faculty Senate to consider this issue and create a new proposal to address the issue of promotion. The subcommittee will present the letter to the EC for review and approval before submission to the Faculty Senate. Chris Hill seconded. The proposal passed unanimously.

The subcommittee consists of Monica Miller, Javan Frazier, and Chris Hornung.

Other Faculty Senate Updates: Steve Wallac0 secha(ac0)-2 (sfd (er)-1 (e i)-6 (s)-14 (d4 (er)-)-14 (d-1 (e i)-6 (s)

Steve Wallace presented the attached proposed revisions to the Faculty Handbook and Statutes. Chris Hill moved to vote on the proposal; Javan Frasier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Reports from ad-hoc sub-committees

Head Count Subcommittee: Steve Wallace reported that the subcommittee's work has been completed and the subcommittee has been dissolved.

Subcommittee Reading Statutes: The three-person subcommittee charged with reading the statutes has divided up the work and are in the process of reading through them. They expect the work to be completed by the end of October.

c. Scheduling coordination among shared governance units

There have been questions about potential changes to the schedules of standing committees, because there are frequent schedule conflicts. Discussion ensued-2 (on e)4 (ns)-1 (ue)4 (d-)3 (r)34 (t)4 (t)-2 (s)-1

Appendix A

Proposed Changes to the Requirements for Promotion to the Rank of Professor

Proposal:

All faculty members in tenure track positions should be eligible for promotion up to the rank of Professor.

Rational:

Middle Georgia State University is an institution with a blended function. It has a primary function as a state university and a secondary function as a state college (BOR Policy Manual 2.8). In the Criteria for Promotion (BOR Policy Manual 8.3.6), it reads:

8.3.6.5 Institutions with a Blended Function

In addition to the minimum criteria above, promotion to specific ranks requires faculty to have the degree qualifications or the equivalent in training, ability, or experience associated with either the institution's primary or secondary functional sectors depending on which functional sector of the blended function the faculty member is supporting. Neither the possession of a doctorate nor longevity of service is a guarantee of promotion.

Our current promotion system is based off of the requirements state university in that we require a terminal degree in the appropriate discipline or its equivalent for promotion to Professor (BOR Policy Manual 8.3.6.3 and MGA Faculty Handbook 4.06.02).

Under the current teaching load policy, faculty with a terminal degree have a requirement of 12 semester hours of classes while faculty without a terminal degree have 15 semester hours of classes (MGA Faculty Handbook 5.03.01). Faculty members without a terminal degree cannot teach Graduate level courses without preper justification according to guidelines provided by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. (

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