

Middle Georgia State University Faculty Senate AY 2022-2023  
Meeting #2  
Macon Campus, TEB 368 and Microsoft Teams  
Friday, October 7, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

Present:

Dr. Angela Denise Adams, Assistant Professor of Nursing  
Mr. Charlie Agnew, Professor of Art  
Mr. Rex Andrews, Assistant Professor of Aviation Science and Management  
Dr. Ervin Briones, Associate Professor of Psychology  
Dr. Kathleen Burt, Associate Professor of English  
Dr. William Gary Cole, Assistant Professor of Education  
Mr. Adam Craig, Lecturer of Aviation Maintenance and Structural Technology  
Ms. Vanessa "Paige" Crump, Associate Professor of Spanish  
Dr. Shannon Daly, Assistant Professor of Nursing  
Mr. Andy Davidson, Assistant Professor of English  
Mr. Duane Day, Assistant Professor of Mathematics  
Dr. Lorraine Dubuisson, Chair of the Faculty Senate, Associate Professor of English  
Ms. Tabitha Floyd, Assistant Professor of Accounting & Finance  
Dr. Greg George, Associate Professor of Economics  
Dr. John Hall, Associate Professor of Political Science  
Mr. Michael Hammock, Assistant Professor of Mathematics  
Dr. Joshua Harrelson, Assistant Professor of Mathematics  
Dr. Scott Hinze, Assistant Professor of Psychology  
Ms. Joyce Hollins, Assistant Professor of Nursing  
Dr. Renat Khatmullin, Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate, Associate Professor of Chemistry  
Ms. Tamatha Lambert, Recorder of the Faculty Senate, Director of Library Services  
Dr. Rebecca Lanning, Professor of Music  
Mr. William "Dusty" Lowery, Associate Professor of Aviation Maintenance and Structural Technology  
Dr. Sharon Mozley-Standridge, Associate Professor of Biology  
Dr. John Murphy, Professor of English  
Dr. Crystal O'Leary-Davidson, Professor of English  
Dr. John Pattillo, Professor of Biology  
Dr. Alan Stines, Assistant Professor of Information Technology  
Dr. Kara Svonavec, Senior Lecturer of History  
Dr. Stephen Taylor, Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate, Professor of History  
Mr. Adam Young, Associate Professor of English

Absent:

Ms. Nancy Guyse, Assistant Professor of Respiratory Therapy  
Dr. Charles Matson, Professor of Respiratory Therapy  
Mr. Chris Smith, Assistant Professor of Nursing

## Guests:

Dr. Rhonda Amerson, Department Chair, Assistant Professor of Education  
Dr. David Biek, Dean, School of Education & Behavioral Sciences  
Dr. Loretta Clayton, Dean of Graduate Studies, Professor of English & Interdisciplinary Studies  
Mr. Jon Coder, Audio Visual Coordinator  
Dr. David Fuller, Special Assistant to the Provost  
Dr. Marc Miller, Dean, School of Business  
Dr. Monica Miller, Assistant Professor of English  
Dr. Benita Muth, Chair, Department of English  
Dr. Andrew Reeves, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, Associate Professor of History  
Dr. Neil Rigole, Department Chair, Associate Professor of Information Technology  
Mr. Chris Tsavatewa, Director of Institutional Effectiveness  
Dr. Tara Underwood, Dean of the School of Health Sciences  
Dr. Mary Wearn, Dean of the School of Arts & Letters, Professor of English  
Dr. Steven Wallace, Chair of the Executive Committee, Associate Professor of Mathematics

## Agenda

The September 2, minutes were approved electronically on September 20, 2020.

Dr. Dubuisson asked for a motion to amend the agenda. Ms. Amanda Funtress, Vice President of Finance & Business, is not able to attend today's meeting to report on the bookstore. Also, Dr. Dubuisson mistakenly left Dr. Reeves name off the agenda for the proposals from the Academic Affairs Committee. Dr. Taylor moved to amend the agenda. Mr. Agnew seconded. The agenda is approved as amended.

## Report from President Blake

President Blake is pleased the Faculty Senate has resumed in person meetings with reports having an online/Teams option for attendance but encouraged Senators to attend in person whenever possible. He also asked that the Senate consider rotating in person meetings between the Macon and Cochran campuses.

The college and university presidents have been on a retreat with USG leadership. The retreat primarily focused on strengthening student success. A new website called [Georgia Degrees Pay](#)



and streamline the differences in categories among the positions and/or the schools. The deans have done an excellent job. A draft of the results for review is forthcoming.

We did a good job retaining students for semester-to-semester registrations. The most key factor in retaining students is faculty connections with students. Dr. Jenks added to President Blake's response to Dr. Taylor's question about student success. Faculty are not alone. We are all here to help. If you see a student struggling, ask for help. Get to know your colleagues (advisors, counselors, residence life coordinators, etc.). When we work as a team, we get better as a team.

There are numerous vacancies in Institutional Research & Data Strategy. Interviews for the Assistant Associate Provost of Data Strategy are scheduled.

The Regents are soliciting nominations for various awards. Dr. Rod McRae will solicit, coordinate, and submit our entries.

## Academic Affairs

Dr. Reeves presented eight proposals from the Academic Affairs Committee. Dr. Stines moved to discuss the proposals. Mr. Day seconded.

Associate of Science in Computer Science (new program) – Dr. Reeves mentioned that this was to support the Georgia Academy at the Warner Robins Campus. The new program was approved unanimously.

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (new program) Dr. Reeves noted that this new program would also focus on the Warner Robins Campus. Dr. Taylor moved to allow guests to speak. Mr. Agnew seconded. There were no objections. Dr. Taylor asked Dr. Neil Rigole, Chair of the Department of Information Technology, about the difference between a computer science degree and an information technology degree. Dr. Rigole responded that computer science is primarily focused on theory, math, and programming. Dr. Rhonda Amerson, Chair of the Department of Teacher Education, mentioned that there would be an education track that would allow a graduate with this degree to teach computer science. The new program was unanimously approved.

Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with a Focus in Literacy (new program)  
The new program passed without objection.

Minor in Education (new program) Dr. Lanning asked Dr. Reeves to display the curriculum sheet for this new program. Dr. Amerson mentioned that these courses are already offered. Students in this new minor will be eligible to receive teacher certification. Dr. Biek, Dean of the School of Education & Behavior Sciences, acknowledged the interest among many senators regarding the many ways to receive teacher certification. His school will create a summary explaining the numerous ways to receive teacher certification. The new program was unanimously approved.

Minor in Social Work (new program) The new program was unanimously approved.  
English (MATPW) (program modification) Dr. Reeves noted that this modification will provide more creative writing and online pedagogy options for students. Dr. M. Stinebaugh asked if this will help students get jobs in technical writing. Dr. Benita Muth, Chair of the Department of English, and Dr. Monica Miller, Coordinator of Graduate Technical Writing Programs, explained that the greatest demand for technical writing is content creation. This modification will create a stackable degree program that will allow students to broaden their elective options. The modification passed with unanimous approval.

Certificate in Technical Writing and Digital Communication (program modification) The modification passed with unanimous approval.

Master of Arts in Public Relations (program modification) Dr. Reeves noted that this modification is adding lab electives. The modification passed with unanimous approval.

## Proposal to Amend Senate Bylaws

Dr. Dubuisson moved to amend the Senate Bylaws to include an intermediate option between Presidential approval and veto of all formal recommendations. Dr. Lanning seconded the motion.