

Middle Georgia State University Faculty Senate AY 2023 2024
Meeting #6 TEAMS
Friday, March 1, 2024

Present:

Charlie Agnew, Professor of Art

Dr. Adrian Baker, Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation Sciences

Dr. Adam Bousum, Assistant Professor of Biology

Dr. Kathleen Burt, Associate Professor of English

Dr. Louis Camara, Associate Professor of Mathematics

Adam Craig, Lecturer Aviation Science and Management

Dr. Lorraine Dubuisson, Chair- Faculty Senate, Professor of English

Tabitha Floyd, Assistant Professor of Account and Finance

Nancy Guyse, Assistant Professor Respiratory Therapy

Dr. James Hagler, Assistant Professor of Health Services

Tammy Haislip, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education

Dr. John Hall, Associate Professor of Political Science

Michael Hammock, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Dr. Joshua Harrelson, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Dr. Scott Hinze, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Criminal Justice

Shelly Hopko, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Kemarie Jeffers, Assistant Professor of Aviation

Tamatha Lambert, Director of Library Services

Dr. Rebecca Lanning, Professor of M6(r. 1 72.025 377.38 Tm0 g0 G(D)-6(r. 1n)ng (en-US)BDC q0.0000091uQ

There were no questions for Dr. Blake.

Report from Provost Jenks

Dr. Jenks was unable to be present to give his report as he is away at the Momentum Summit to all faculty and staff for their work so far on the soft launch of CORE IMPACTS that is currently in progress. There will be assessments and further information coming soon on how to evaluate the new competencies. The system has announced it will soon update and post DMA program information, and MGA will need to reaffirm and align our own policies. Spring Commencement is planned for May 8 and 9 on the Macon campus, and 600 students are expected to graduate. The GA Academy information night on the Warner Robins campus was a success with over 100 participants.

The ASPIRE (formerly Program Forecast, formerly Low Producing Programs) programs meeting went well, and discussions at MGA are continuing to address those programs identified in the report.

Congratulations to Dr. Sabrina Wenger who has been named the first MGA winner of the Regents Felton Jenkins Hall of Fame Teaching award.

Dr. Jenkins, on behalf of Academic Affairs, said that in acknowledgement of the passing of Dr. Victoria Guarisco flags at MGA would be flown for the next week in memoriam. Dr. Tsavatewa added that Dr. Guarisco had started at MGA in 2008 in the same cohort as himself, and that she friends, and co-workers in their thoughts.

Report from Senate Chair

Dr. Dubuisson had no updates to report, except to echo her sympathies for all those affected by

New Business

Dr. Reeves presented several proposals from the Academic Affairs Committee.

For Notification Memos, Dr. Reeves first presented a

Sciences, BS Biology, BS BSN, BS Computer Science, BS Health Sciences, BS Health Services, BS IT, BS Math, BS Rehab Science, BS Respiratory Therapy completion, BS Respiratory Therapy completion, BS RN to BSN, and BS Social Work.

The modifications for the above listed programs have been received by the Senate for notification and no objections registered.

Dr. Reeves presented a new policy for Math Learning Support. Dr. Stines made the motion, and Dr. Hagler seconded. Dr. Reeves explained that the proposed policy would place STEM majors in MATH 1101 instead of MATH 1001 in order to better prepare them for MATH 111 (college algebra). The policy also changed the GPA for not requiring Learning Support with MATH 1101 from 3.2 to 3.4. There were no questions. The vote was 23 in favor, 0 opposed. The proposal passed.

Dr. Taylor made a motion and Dr. Baker seconded to consider the Minor in Coaching and the Certificate in Coaching together. Both of these programs are intended for students who want to both teach and coach middle or high school, and allow them to be better prepared when they enter the workforce. The question was asked about the difference between the minor and the certificate. The certificate is not tied to a degree while the minor is; the certificate then is more intended for someone who has already graduated, while the minor is for students wanting another credential with their teaching degree. The question was also raised about how much or whether strength and conditioning had been considered as being part of these programs. Dr. Hagler said that courses like intro to exercise, and nutrition and wellness had options to include those areas, A sports psychology aspect is also included. The vote for these two proposals was 24 in favor, none opposed. The proposals passed.

Dr. Reeves presented a program modification for the MAT. Dr. Hagler made the motion to consider; Dr. Walker seconded. Dr. Reeves explained that the changes were to bring the learning outcomes in line with new legislation concerning literacy as well as professional standards. The vote was 27 in favor, 0 opposed. The proposal passed.

Dr. Reeves presented a modification to the MS in IT. Dr. Walker made the motion to consider it, and Dr. Hagler seconded. The requirement for IT 6620 is being replaced with a choice from three courses in order to add more interdisciplinary options. The vote was 24 in favor, and 0 opposed. The proposal passed.

Dr. Reeves presented a modification to the BS in Rehabilitation Sciences. Dr. Halger made the motion to consider, and Dr. Guyse seconded. The proposal replaces the graduate school track with sports medicine as a track. A teach-out plan is in place for those students in the current program. There is also an administrative adjustment, renumbering RHAB 4250 to 3250 to make the foundation level course less confusing. The vote was 25 in favor, 0 opposed. The proposal passed.

Dr. Wallace had two proposals from the Executive Committee to present.

The first proposal addresses a change in the ex-officio membership on the Academic Quality

Dr. Patillo said that he felt the situation seemed more like something that could be addressed by

breaking vote to oppose the proposal. The proposal did not pass, and the committee will remain in place. Dr. Camara observed the need for further discussion. Dr. Dubuisson said the Senate will need to address how to empower this committee, and Dr. Taylor said that since the proposal was voted down, the Executive Committee could re-introduce it eventually, or the Senate could set up an ad hoc committee to review the matter. Further discussion should be done at a later time. Dr. Wallace said that he will not reintroduce this proposal. Instead, he will propose a proposal to the Executive Committee for deactivating a standing committee as necessary for the next Senate meeting. That would likely mean one proposal for deactivating both the ICPA and the previous committee the Senate voted to deactivate but has yet to be affirmed by Dr. Blake. Dr. Dubuisson

Dr. Camara asked who would have access to the results. Dr. Dubuisson said the results would be public. Dr. Camara said that than maybe there should be a note added to the survey for transparency on the data resulting from the survey being made public.

Dr. Dubuisson made a motion to table the question of the survey until an ad hoc group could review it and report back by the first April meeting. Dr. Bousum seconded. The vote was 23 in favor, 0 opposed. The survey will be tabled. Dr. Taylor and Dr. Rogers volunteered to serve on the ad hoc committee with Dr Dubuisson.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to conclude the meeting; Dr. Hall seconded. There were no objections, and the meeting adjourned.