

Middle Georgia State University Faculty Senate 2023-2024
Meeting #ASB 102 Warner Robins Campus and TEAMS
Friday, April 26, 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

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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

Dr. Renat Khatmullin, Associate Professor of Chemistry

Tamatha Lambert, Dean of Library Services

Dr. Rebecca Lanning, Professor of Media, Culture, and Arts

Dr. John Murphy, Assistant Professor of English

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Benjamin Page, Lecturer Aviation Maintenance and Structural Technology

Dr. Neil Rigole, Associate Professor of Information Technology

Dr. Crystal Roberts, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Dr. Chip Rogers, Professor of English

Dr. Alan Stines, Assistant Professor of Information Technology

Dr. Kara Svonavec, Senior Lecturer History and Political Science

Dr. Stephen Taylor, Professor of History

Dr. Loretta Clayton, Dean of Graduate Studies and Professor of English
Dr. Paul Gladden, Department Chair and Professor of Psychology
Dr. Christopher Hornung, Associate Professor of Engineering
Dr. Rod McRae, Associate Provost for Faculty Development
Dr. Marc Miller, Dean of School of Business
Angela C. O'Neal, University Registrar
Dr. Andrew Reeves, Chair Academic Affairs Committee, Associate Professor of History
Dr. Chris Tsavatewa, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Associate Professor of Health Administration
Dr. Tara Underwood, Dean School of Health Sciences
Dr. Steven Wallace, Associate Professor of Mathematics
Dr. Mary Wearn, Dean of the School of Arts & Letters and Professor of English

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Dr. Dubuisson called the meeting to order at 10am. She welcomed the Senators to the last meeting of the academic year.

Report from Dr. Blake

Dr. Blake started his report with a reminder that he and the administration would like to see the Faculty at the upcoming graduation ceremonies, especially since the number of faculty seats has been recently increased.

Dr. Blake said that his report was largely some updates from the Trustees meeting last week. MGA has been doing well the past few years, and he is happy to see support levels shifting to MGA being a fully funded state university, at the same rate as the USG. Three years ago it cost \$113 per credit hour to attend MGA as of this coming fall it will be \$174. All of the work of consolidation and achieving university status of the past twelve years is now being recognized as of last week. Even better, according to Amanda Funches, MGA still has lower fees
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It was a bit of a hit when MGA lost special institutional fees four years ago because of how many online students we have had their fee structure at the time but the new funding rules now put online student fees at 50% of in-person students. This is especially with recreation and wellness, including now that there is a charge for use of the Wellness facilities in Cochran as there has been in Macon for some time
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towards joining the NCAA.

Dr. Blake concluded his remarks by saying he looks forward to a strong next academic year, and hopes that the current one ends well and that everyone finds time to celebrate commencement.

There were no questions for Dr. Blake.

Report from Dr. Jenks

Dr. Jenks was unable to present his report in person as he is attending another meeting, so Dr. Tsvat
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' U 2 ¶ / Davidson made the motion to hear the fourth proposal; Dr. Taylor seconded. Dr. Reeves explained that the Health Services Administration BS already had a Sports Management concentration, so they were removing Sports Fitness as a concentration, a redundancy was being removed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

There were two notifications of memos being received to enter into the record. These are not voting items, just presentations for the recorded minutes whether they are received without objection or not. 7 K H I L U V W P H P R D G G U H V V H V 0 * \$ ¶ V & R R S H U D W L Y H programs like eCore, the GA FinTech Academy eMajor, the Data Science eMajor, the GA Film Academy, and RBSN Collaborative eCampus. A June renewal is expected for all programs. There no objections.

The second memo presented timelines for Institutional Policy and Practices of cycles of assessment and reporting. There were no objections.

The second set of memos do require an approval vote. The first memo is a curriculum update for the Associate of Science in Physical Therapy (AS PTA). 74 hours has been reduced to 70 hours, which was done by taking two four courses and making them four courses. Dr. Taylor made the motion to consider the memo; Dr. Steins seconded. The question was 0048>6< 1 0nM35h 0.0000

Dr. Wallace presented his report to the Senate, reviewing the annual summary of shared governance reports.

Dr. Dubuisson asked if we could recommend changes? Dr. Taylor said that the Senate could vote to amend the proposed policy, and then on the new version Vogel suggested sending the policy back to committee for revision. Dr. Wallace pointed out that a link could still be done but it would have to be created by the individual faculty. Dr. Dubuisson made the motion to accept the proposal with the recommendation that we provide the candidate with a link to the handbook and this was seconded. There was no additional discussion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Davidson made the motion; Mr. Agnew seconded. What this proposal does is add the official timeline for Post Tenure review, since other groups specifically have the timeline in the handbook and this one currently does not. The proposal passed with one objection.

Davidson seconded. This proposal addresses the composition of the PTPTR committee if the faculty member up for review is also a member of their department PTR committee. Dr. Tsavatewa said and replacing it with

Dr. Tsavatewa had an announcement on behalf of Dr. McRae who had had to leave early. He (Dr. McRae) will be working on some small corrections and updates to the Faculty Handbook, that are non-content related and not of substance, to reconcile it with BORing.

Dr. Dubuisson asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Lambert made the motion; Dr. Dubuisson seconded.

The meeting was adjourned.

Kathleen Burt Recorder