

Middle Georgia State University AY 2024-2025 Faculty Senate Minutes

Meeting #2 TEB 231, Macon Campus and Teams

Friday, October 11, 2024

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Senate Chair Dr.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Stephen Taylor moved that the meeting agenda be approved, Dr. Wallace seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Report from President Dr. Blake

Dr. Blake's report included:

Acknowledgment of those who joined him in walking the Macon Campus this morning for MGA's Wellness Week. In addition to the obvious health benefits for participants in Wellness initiatives, Dr. Blake said the university reaps financial benefits from improving our institutional health and wellness data—most notably in keeping down premiums and other insurance costs.

Dr. Blake relayed that the USG Chancellor encouraged our improving of "customer service" to support strong retention. While much of this effort involves MGA staff, faculty are crucial to persistence among our at-risk student population. He praised the work of the Provost's Office and the faculty for our recent gains in retention, recognizing how these efforts are labor-intensive.

Dr. Blake also reported that the Chancellor indicated at the most recent BOR meeting a likely shift on the horizon in the language describing USG accreditation: instead of the BOR requiring accreditation from SACS, we might anticipate in the next year or so a move to accreditation through the U.S. Department of Education.

Another item of interest from the BOR meeting was discussion of refining our approach to the U.S. and Georgia history and government requirements. We may hear more on this front soon.

Noting that second-session payment drop was ongoing as we met, Dr. Blake expressed confidence in our aim of maintaining enrollment above 8,400 students, with hop-0.002 Tc -0.0T562 ()

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Dr. Tammy Haislip presented two new policy proposals approved by the Academic Affairs Committee:

a) M.S. in Nursing (MSN) and Post-Master's Certificate (PMC) Admission requirements

The proposal aligns the wording of the two programs' admission requirements for consistency and clarity.

Dr. Stephen Taylor moved to discuss the policy, Charlie Agnew seconded. Following discussion, Charlie Agnew moved to vote, Stephen Taylor seconded, and the Senate approved the policy unanimously.

b) Program modification proposals:

i. Air Traffic Management

This modification removes ATCM 2500 from the Air Traffic Management Degree. The class will be included in a new certificate to be offered by the School of Aviation.

The change also adds AERO 2103 Flight Principles to the program in order to provide content required by the FAA's new Advanced CTI program for Air Traffic Control.

Dr. Steve Wallace moved to consider the proposal and Dr. Stephen Taylor seconded. With no questions or discussion, Dr. Wallace moved to vote on the proposal and Charlie Agnew seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ii. Graduate Certificate in Teaching College Writing Internship program modification

Creates a new professionally supervised class (ii.)Tj/0.001 Tw (p)2 (ro)2t(7i.)Tj/D()TJ(s)-1 (

Charlie Agnew moved that we consider the proposal and Dr. John Patillo seconded. Put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

iv. B.S. in Computer Science program modification

Proposes deletion of the Secondary Education Teaching Certification track in the B.S. in Computer Science program. MGA was informed by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission that Computer Science is a P-12 content area, and thus is not eligible for secondary education tracks (grades 6-12).

Motion to consider the proposal by Dr. Stephen Taylor, seconded by Dr. Steve Wallace. Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

2. 2025 MGA Interdisciplinary Conference

Dr. LaRonda Sanders-Senu shared that this year’s MGA Interdisciplinary Conference will take place on the Macon and Cochran Campuses April 9th-11th. The conference now includes graduate student submissions in addition to undergraduates’. This year’s theme is Popular Culture and the American South—though submissions on all topics will be considered. Presentation categories include papers, posters, and creative works.

3. Executive Committee Proposals

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4. Review of “Grant Award Policies” from the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

Dr. Donna Balding requested that the Senate review the pre- and post-review guidelines being developed in her office (on the ORSP website), with the aim of formalizing these guidelines as MGA policy. Dr. Balding stressed the importance of having these grant-review guidelines and processes air-tight. We discussed forming an ad-hoc advisory subcommittee to review the Grant Award guidelines and considerations of the expertise needed in sul -0.002 Ts94J0.002 Tc -0.002 Tw [th]4 ()4 (b)-1 (c)3 (o)3 (m)4TJ0. (ittee)TJ0 Tc 0 Tw ()Tj0