

Middle Georgia State University AY 2024-2025 Faculty Senate Minutes

Meeting #4 – Roberts Library 304, Cochran Campus and Teams

Friday, November 15, 2024

Present:

Charlie Agnew, Professor of Art
Dr. Adrian Baker, Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation Sciences
Dr. Adam Bousum, Assistant Professor of Biology
Dr. Louis Camara, Associate Professor of Mathematics
Christie Canady, Associate Professor of Biology
Adam Craig, Lecturer of Aviation Science and Management
Paige Crump, Associate Professor of Spanish
Tabitha Floyd, Assistant Professor of Accounting and Finance
Nancy Guyse, Assistant Professor of Respiratory Therapy
Dr. James Hagler, Assistant Professor of Health Services
Dr. Tammy Haislip, Assistant Professor of 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
Shelly Hopko, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Dr. Chris Hornung, Associate Professor of Engineering
Dr. Jonathan Jenkins, Associate Professor of Computer Science
Dr. Renat Khatmullin, Associate Professor of Chemistry and Faculty Senate Chair
Tamatha Lambert, Dean of Library Services
Dr. Christian Norman, Associate Professor of Communications
Benjamin Page, Lecturer of Aviation Maintenance and Structural Technology
Dr. John Patillo, Professor of Biology
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. Stephen Taylor, Professor of History
Elisha Tribble, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Dr. Elizabeth Walker, Assistant Professor of Psychology
Dr. Steven Wallace, Associate Professor of Mathematics

Absent/Excused:

Dr. Kathleen Burt, Associate Professor of English
Dr. John Murphy, Assistant Professor of English
Dr. Crystal O'Leary-Davidson, Professor of English

Guests:

Dr. Deepa Arora, Senior Associate Provost of Student Success
Dr. Donna Balding, Director of

- o Board Academic Affairs Policy 3.3.4 – New Learning Outcomes for U.S. and Georgia History and Constitution requirements: beginning with new students entering in fall 2025 and later, students will study primary sources such as the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Articles of Confederation, the Federalist Papers, the Gettysburg Address, the Emancipation Proclamation, Letter from a Birmingham Jail, and the Georgia Constitution and Bill of Rights.
- o Dr. Jenks will provide the Senate with the full range of BOR

Rainey, Assistant Vice President for Finance and Business Brian Stanley, Dr. Myungjae Kwak, Dr. Renat Khatmullin, and Dr. Steve Wallace as members.

- x Dr. Larry Israel, Executive Committee Chair, reminds that Senate committees need to meet with their members each semester and post minutes in a timely manner. It gives the appearance that our committees are doing little work when their efforts are not regularly reported through minutes. Chairs can email minutes to WebAdmin@MGA.edu.
- x Dr. Khatmullin observed that this is our final meeting of the term and thanked all members and guests for a productive fall Senate.

New Business:

1. Academic Affairs

Dr. Tammy Haislip presented five proposals

c) Proposed Program Deletions:

- a. The AA in Music program is to be deleted for low enrollment as we now offer the more popular B.A. in Music. Students wanting an AA degree can still get a Music concentration in the AA Core Curriculum program. We will offer a teach-out for students currently enrolled in the program.

Dr. Adrian Baker moved that we consider the program deletion, and Charlie Agnew seconded. With no discussion, the proposal passed unanimously.

- b. The AA in Art program is also under-enrolled, superseded now by the B.A. in Art. A teach-out will be available for those enrolled in the AA program, and students desiring an AA degree can still receive an AA in Core Curriculum with an Art concentration.

Charlie Agnew moved to consider the proposal, Dr. Stephen Taylor seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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- x Dr. Chris Tsavatewa commented on the importance of insuring that the quality of online instruction is on par with that in face-to-face classes—particularly as we are continually under review by SACS or a comparable accrediting body.
- x About unequal CETL access on the campuses: Dr. McRae acknowledged the validity of this issue. We have added Instructional Design staffing in recent months and have a strong case for more to increase CETL presence in Cochran, Dublin, and Eastman.

Ultimately, Dr. McRae volunteered to respond in writing, point-by-point, to the complete list of questions and concerns posed by senators, faculty, and department chairs. He will compile this document over the coming week. (Note added later: Thanksgiving break arrived at the end of the next week; we received Dr. McRae’s detailed responses upon return to campus in December.)

Dr. McRae also assured that weekly CETL workshops offer information and training on the practices described in these draft documents, with many more upcoming in spring.

3. Update on the MGA International Student Initiatives, Dr. Kendra Russell

Dr. Russell, Provost Fellow for International Education, shared that MGA serves approximately 200 international students, with significant numbers from South Korea, Mexico, Vietnam, India, and beyond. We provide these students support in admissions and in the registrar’s office, four staff members offer logistical help with I9 documents and the like. Dr. Russell is engaged in ongoing exploration of ESL programming and MGA sponsorships or hosting of international students.

Our Study Abroad/Study Away programs are mostly through USG Goes Global. USGGG is recruiting for seven 2TJ0M (ed)-3 (ro004 Tw ec)3 oD 23[t (s)TJ-p)-2 (r)a and Tar (0031 (t) 8973 (19.422g

4. Questions/Announcements/Other Business

As recorded in the November 8th meeting, the Senate needs to elect a representative to