

**Georgia Southwestern State University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

Date: September 14th, 2009
Time: 5:00PM
Place: Psychology/Sociology Building Room #3
Presiding: Dr. Gary Fisk
Attending: Brian Alder, Kendall Blanchard, Kathy Barnetson, Carol Bishop, Genie Bryan, Julia Dorminey, Kailish Ghimire, Ru Story-Huffman, Cecilia Maldonado, Paul Shapiro, Bonnie Simmons, Brian Smith, Anh-Hue Tu, Keaton Wynn

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Outcome
I. Approval of minutes	Spelling correction made. Motion made by Julia Dorminey to approve with spelling error corrected. Seconded by Paul Shapiro.	Gary Fisk to submit to file.
II. Update from Dr. Kendall Blanchard	The following updates were presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After purging students for nonpayment of tuition, the final count is around 2900, which is up 200 students from last year. • The design of the new Health Science Building is moving ahead. • The Wheatley renovation is on target with a celebration for Christmas being planned in this facility. • The cafeteria renovation project will create additional space with faculty dining area being incorporated into the student dining area. The east end of the open area will be changed into a two story building with one-stop shopping for students. • There is a concern with graduation rates throughout the state of Georgia. GSW currently has a graduation rate of 34%. 	
III. Update for Dr. Adler	The following comments were added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty Development Funds were restored although in smaller amounts. • Two members of the Senate are serving on active committees on campus: Ru Story-Huffmann on the Honors Academic Committee; Carol Bishop on the Strategic Planning Task Force. • Teaching Circle stipends are available. 	

<p>IV. Update from Faculty Senate President (Dr. Gary Fisk)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested assistance with the design of the Web page for the Faculty Senate. • Expressed concern that students would be more likely to return each semester if scholarships were awarded. 	<p>Gary to discuss with Dr. Blanchard.</p>
<p>V. Change in wording in Faculty Handbook requirements for Tenure & Promotion eligibility</p>	<p>The inclusion of the word “normally” in the Faculty Handbook requirements for tenure & promotion eligibility was presented from the Faculty Affairs Committee. Discussion followed that the new wording is closer to the Board of Regents policy and allowed those that had done above & beyond their regular duties to be considered. Motion to approve made by Anh-Hue Tu and seconded by Carol Bishop. Approved unanimously. Discussion followed regarding the grammatical structure of the statement. No motion was made to change.</p>	<p>Motion passed. Dr. Fisk to submit approval.</p>
<p>VI. Proposals from Academic Affairs Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Affairs: TOEFL requirements. Motion to approve by Brian Smith. Seconded by Kathy Barnetson. • Arts & Sciences: Music Proposals for String Bass. Motion to consider as one group by Bonnie Simmons. Approved by Kathy Barnetson. Motion to approve by Brian Smith and seconded by Paul Shapiro. • Arts & Sciences: ENGL 2140 Backgrounds for Literature. • Business: MGNT 3670 Introduction to Human Resources Management. Motion to approve by Genie Bryant. Seconded by Brian Smith. • Computing and Math: Math 4495 Mathematical Preparation for Graduate Study. Motion to approve by Paul Shapiro. Seconded by Genie Bryant. 	<p>Approved unanimously.</p> <p>Approved unanimously.</p> <p>For submission to file only.</p> <p>Approved unanimously.</p> <p>Approved unanimously.</p> <p>Dr. Fisk to submit approvals.</p>
<p>VII. Distinguished Scholar Committee</p>	<p>Dr. Fisk explained that Dr. Blanchard had requested that the committee have representation from all the Schools in the University. The following faculty will serve on this committee: Gary Fisk – Chair Paul Shapiro – Arts & Sciences Cecelia Maldonado – Business Julia Dorminey – Education Bonnie Simmons – Nursing Kailash Ghimire - Math</p>	<p>Deadline of mid-October.</p>

VIII. Furloughs	Dr. Fisk expressed his thoughts on the need to begin a discussion and create a statement on the long-term negative impact of furloughs for the University. Discussion followed related to the impact on recruiting faculty, retaining faculty, & productivity. A motion was made by Ru Story-Huffman to collect input from each School. Seconded by Paul Shapiro.	Motion was approved with one member in opposition. Dr. Fisk to contact each School & collect comments into a statement for presentation to Senate.
IX. Adjournment		Meeting was adjourned @ 6:05 PM.

Next meeting: Tentative date of October 19th, 2009.

Bonnie Simmons
Recorder