**Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, February 26, 2016 9:00 am
James Earl Carter Library, 2nd floor, Third World Studies Room**

Present: Sam Peavy, Queen Brown, Lee Ann Dalzell, Chadwick Gugg. Rebecca Gee, Courtney McDonald, Jamie Maclennan, Yangil Park, Brian Parkinson, Laurel Robinson, Rebecca Short, Thomas Weiland, Brian Adler (Ex-Officio), Charles Patterson, (Ex-Officio), Royce Hackett, Robert Bryant III.

Absent: Robert Bennett, Mark Laughlin

1. **Approval of the minutes from the January Meeting:**

 The February meeting of the Georgia Southwestern State University Faculty Senate was held at 9:00 AM on Friday, February 26, 2016 in the James Earl Carter Library. The President of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Sam Peavy, was in the chair.

 January 29, 2015 Faculty Senate Meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Professor Robinson to approve the minutes pending correction of three (3) errors/omissions (title correction from Dr. to Professor Robinson, word use clarification (sent) and addition of friendly amendment to include staff in consideration for advisement awards); seconded by Dr. Short. Motion carried.

1. **PAC/Strategic Planning (Brian Parkinson)**
A. Draft Mission Statement has been completedB. Town hall meeting with stakeholders will be held Monday @ 11:00.C. Royce Hackett informed Senate they may search in D2L to find draft, minutes and other related itemsD. Brian Adler provided additional information in regards to Strategic Planning and the Town Hall meeting scheduled in Carter I Monday @ 11:00.
2. **Items from Academic Affairs:**The President submitted the following for action:
A. School of Computing and Mathematics – Revised proposals to change requirements for undergraduate certificate in Information Technology. Motion was made by Dr. Weiland to approve, seconded by Dr. Parkinson. Motion carried.
B. School of Education
 1. Proposal to convert PEDS 1010 Lifetime Fitness to online delivery. Motion was made by Professor Robinson to approve, seconded by Dr. Short. Motion carried.
3. Conversion of PEDS 1020 Aerobic Walking-Jogging to online delivery. Motion was made by Professor Robinson to approve, seconded by Dr. Short.
4. Conversion of PEDS 2000CPR and First Aid to online delivery. Motion was made by Professor Robinson to return proposal to the School of Education to clarify/modify to include specific information regarding course information and requirements. Seconded by Dr. Maclennan.

C. College of Arts and Sciences: Department of Theater, Communication and Media Arts. Addition of Certificate Program- Cinema Production. Motion was made by Professor Robinson to table for clarification and revision, seconded by Dr. Weiland. A friendly amendment was made by Senate President Peavy to approve with corrections.

D. College of Arts and Sciences: Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, Curriculum Revision- Requirement that students must receive a C or better for all courses counted towards the certificate. Motion was made by Professor Robinson to approve pending one correction, seconded by Dr. McDonald.

E. School of Nursing – Change to BSN Curriculum (BSN Traditional Track, LPN-BSN Track, BSN Second Degree Track). Motion was made by Professor Robinson to approve, seconded by Dr. McDonald.

 **4. Approval of GSW LEAP Resolution**

 Approved unanimously.

**5.** **GA House Bill 859 – Campus Carry**
Motion was made by Professor Robinson to send the following to the state senate, The GSW Faculty Senate, in strong opposition to GA House Bill 859, the concealed carry of firearms on public university campuses, join with the efforts of the Valdosta State University Faculty Senate, to endorse their February 2016 resolution in opposition to this bill. Seconded by Dr. Weiland. Approved with one abstention.

**6.** **Other items:**
Dr. Peavy asked Senate members to send all other concerns to him.

**7. The next USG Faculty Council Meeting will be on April 15 at Valdosta State**

**8.** **Next Meeting – March 2016**
March 18, location- School of Business. Dr. Park will check.
April 22?

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Queen Brown