

Minutes
Faculty Senate Meeting
10:00 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.
Friday, October 27, 2017

Third World Collection Conference Room, Second Floor of Library

Attendance: Paula Bryant, Catalina Casaru, Chadwick Gugg, Elizabeth Gurnack, Mark Laughlin, Yangil Park, Brian Parkinson, Laurel Robinson, Brian Smith, Rebecca Short, John Wilson

Ex Officio: Ms. Lynda Lee Purvis

1. Minutes from previous (Sept. 29, 2017) meeting approved with changes
2. Items from Committee on Academic Affairs
 - A. Proposal to change General Baccalaureate Requirement #11 (update to GA code)
 - Motion to accept, individual discussion, approved.
 - B. Proposal to change General Baccalaureate Requirement #12 (declaring minors)
 - Motion to accept; individual discussion with comma edit noted; approved with changes.
 - C. Proposal to change University Statutes Article IV, Section 4 (related to Committee on Academic Affairs and its subcommittees)
 - Motion to accept; individual discussion; approved
3. Proposal to change University Statutes Article II (language update related to Provost) – Office of Academic Affairs
 - Motion to accept; individual discussion with concern about #8 addressed; call for a conversation to amend to eliminate #8 from consideration; approved.
4. Items from Committee on Graduate Affairs
 - A. Application for Graduate Faculty Status – Dr. Paula Bryant
 - Motion to approve; individual discussion; approved.
 - B. Proposal for policy on adding a track to Nursing Master's Degree Program
 - Motion to approve; individual discussion; approved.
5. Investiture of President Weaver – Ms. Lynda Lee Purvis
 - Ms. Purvis discussed creating a faculty/staff committee in the planning of an investiture for Dr. Neal Weaver next fall. A motion to create an ad hoc committee, chaired by Dr. Elizabeth Gurnack, concerning issues related to the investiture of President Weaver was made. Motion approved.
6. Discussion of role of Southwestern Week at GSW– Dr. Catalina Casaru
 - Discussion tabled until after the release of next calendar of events.
7. Items for Faculty Senate to address in writing to Administration – Discussion

- Motion made to draft a letter concerning religious events on campus to be sent to Faculty Senate for approval; individual discussion; approved. Additional note: A letter is considered electronically after the meeting. Motion to approve; approved as of November 2, 2017.
8. Standing Faculty Committees
 - Discussion of standing faculty committees, including proposing a faculty development committee and deleting four standing committees.
 9. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.