

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

Date: November 23rd, 2009
Place: SGA Conference Room
Time: 5:00 PM
Presiding: Dr. Gary Fisk
Attendees: Brian Adler, Kathy Barnetson, Carol Bishop, Genie Bryan, Julia Dorminey, Kailish Ghimire, Stephanie Harvey, Ru Story-Huffman, Cecilia Maldonado, Paul Shapiro, Bonnie Simmons, Brian Smith, Anh-Hue Tu, Keaton Wynn
Guest: Peggy Ellington

Agenda Item	Discussion	Outcome
Notification of Disruptive Students – Dr. Alder	Dr. Adler reported that a Policy for Disruptive Students was being developed. He suggested that problematic students be reported early rather than late. Discussion followed concerning the order of who the faculty was to report to first. Dr. Adler suggested that if a student was intolerable, that faculty notify him immediately. The prediction is that the number of disruptive students will increase.	No action taken.
Approval of Minutes from 10-19-09	Motion to approve made by Genie Bryan. Seconded by Stephanie Harvey.	Approved by Senate.
Academic Affairs Proposals	<p>PSYC 3310 – Proposal was to remove Educational Psychology as a possible course due to loss of teacher. Motion to approve made by Paul Shapiro. Seconded by Kailish Ghimire.</p> <p>PSYC 4497 – Gary Fisk presented the course. Paul Shapiro moved to approve with the addition of the pre-requisites. Julia Dorminey seconded the motion.</p> <p>Changes to the B.A. and B.S. in Psychology: Gary Fisk described program changes in Psychology. These changes involved more options in Area F, adding a course in History and Systems, and</p>	<p>Approved by Senate.</p> <p>Approved by Senate.</p> <p>Approved by Senate.</p>

	<p>requiring an elective in Cognitive Psychology, Biopsychology, or Learning Theory.</p> <p>HIST 4471 – Motion to approve by Julia Dorminey. Seconded by Stephanie Harvey.</p> <p>HIST 4472 – Motion to approve by Julia Dorminey. Seconded by Stephanie Harvey.</p> <p>Julia Dorminey requested the following courses be updated with changes voted on at the last Academic Affairs Meeting before a vote was taken: SOCI 4465 ,HIST 4150, HIST 4160,ARTS 3102. Motion was seconded by Anh-Hue Tu.</p>	<p>Approved by Senate.</p> <p>Approved by Senate.</p> <p>Dr. Fisk to follow up on updates and faculty to vote by e-mail after reviewing.</p>
Graduate Affairs: English Master’s Degree in Critical Literacy - Peggy Ellington	<p>Dr. Ellington reviewed the English Master’s Degree in Critical Literacy and explained that it grew out of the Writing Project. Dr. Shapiro questioned how the University intended to financially support the new degree. Dr. Ellington explained that existing faculty would teach the courses.</p> <p>Motion to approve was made by Carol Bishop. Seconded by Bonnie Simmons.</p>	<p>Motion approved by majority vote with one abstention.</p>
Mission Statement – Carol Bishop	<p>Carol Bishop presented the “Proposed Mission Statement Results Summary” to the Senate (see attached sheet). Results revealed that 83% responded favorably.</p> <p>The mission statement was presented as follows: “Georgia Southwestern Sate University cultivates excellence in learning and teaching that encourages intellectual, person, and social growth for students, faculty, staff, and the community.”</p> <p>Brian Smith moved to approve as stated. Motion was seconded by Genie Bryan.</p>	<p>Approved unanimously by Faculty Senate.</p>
Report from USG Faculty Council	<p>Dr. Fisk reviewed a report from the USG Faculty Council (see attached report). Reported that the USG Faculty Council was not currently recognized</p>	

	by the Board of Regents. However, the Council is being considered for approval at the next meeting possibly. Dr. Fisk suggested that the concerns about furloughs expressed by GSW faculty be channeled through the USG Faculty Council.	Dr. Fisk to forward furlough concerns by GSW Faculty to the Council.
Removing 11:00 Block from Course Schedule	Faculty were asked to express opinions on the removing of the 11:00 block from course schedule. Discussion followed regarding bringing back Friday classes and reinstating 11:00 classes.	No motion or decision was made. Dr. Fisk asked that faculty let their Deans know what they wished to do regarding this issue.
Representative at Administrative Council Meetings	Dr. Fisk reported a member of the Faculty Senate needed to attend the Administrative Council Meeting the 2 nd Tuesday of every month @ 2:30 PM to report on the activities of the Senate. The following members volunteered: Ru Story-Huffman – January Genie Bryant – February	Additional members needed to volunteer for March & April.
Adjournment		Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Bonnie Simmons
Recorder