

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

Date: March 22nd, 2010
Place: SGA Conference Room
Time: 5:00 PM
Presiding: Dr. Gary Fisk
Attendees: Dr. Brian Adler, Carol Bishop, Genie Bryan, Julia Dorminey, Kailash Ghimire, Stephanie Harvey, David Hunter (substitute for Kathy Barnetson), Ru Story-Huffman, Cecilia Maldonado, Bonnie Simmons, Brian Smith, Anh-Hue Tu, Keaton Wynn
Guest: Lynda Lee Purvis, Lisa Cooper

Agenda Item	Discussion	Outcome
Discussion with the Vice President (Dr. Brian Adler)	<p>Dr. Brian Adler made the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Blanchard is at the University of Korea this week , along with Rick Birkell, developing a curriculum between the Rosalyn Carter Institute and the entire country of Korea related to Caregiving. President and Mrs. Carter are also attending. • Curriculum Development : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A Global Studies Certificate has been approved. ○ A proposal for a Master’s in Critical Literacy is moving through the phase of approval. ○ A letter of intent for a proposal for a Criminal Justice Program is being developed. ○ A B.S. in Engineering Technology is being developed with partners from Albany State University, Albany Tech, and South 	

	<p>Georgia Technical College.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An Accelerated B.A. Degree is being developed with Georgia Perimeter College. ● Budget – This week is a critical week at the legislature. Only 10 days are left in the session, with modifications to then be made by the Governor, and then to be sent to the Board of Regents. A \$100 million cut will likely affect the summer pay policy, although this remains tentative. ● Retention & Graduation Task Force – Dr. Blanchard is scheduled to make a report to the Board of Regents on April 14th regarding an analysis of what GSW is doing to contribute to increasing retention and graduation rates. A 3-year plan is to be included on how these rates can be improved. The general thought is that everyone admitted should graduate and the University is expected to “create a culture of success and make it a part of our landscape.” ● Strategic Plan – An open forum will be held to allow all faculty and staff to respond their concerns about the strategic plan. 	<p>All Senate members were encouraged to attend.</p>
<p>Discussion of Learning Communities (Lynda Lee Purvis & Lisa Cooper)</p>	<p>Dr. Fisk reported some of the major concerns that Senate members had discussed as problems with Learning Communities (see previous minutes). Lynda Lee Purvis began by giving a history of the Learning Communities. In 1998 Learning Communities began with 3 classes blocked by major. The goal was the students to develop a sense of welcome and commitment, to make friends and feel accepted and develop study partners and groups. In the Fall of 2008, all students were blocked into 12-14 hours with a</p>	

	<p>small amount of freedom for 1 or 2 classes to be chosen. Overall, Lynda Lee and Lisa Cooper felt that the Learning Communities were working well for registration purposes. Concerns from a number of Senate members were expressed about students from certain majors having the same mind set that limited debates, discussions, etc.</p>	<p>Lisa Cooper stated that possibly some opportunities existed to split up some majors, especially with students that enrolled late.</p>
Approval of Minutes	<p>Minutes of the March 22nd, 2010 meeting were read and approved with one spelling correction.</p>	<p>To be corrected & submitted by Gary Fisk</p>
Business from Academic Affairs Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admissions Standards for High School Students – Motion to approve by J. Dorminey. Seconded by A. Tu. • Prior Learning Assessment Proposal – Motion to approve made by J. Dorminey. Seconded by B. Smith. • BBA in Management with the Professional Golf Management Concentration – Motion to approve by J. Dorminey. Seconded by B. Smith. 	<p>To be forwarded by Gary Fisk.</p>
Universities to Fear (Dr. Gary Fisk)	<p>Dr. Fisk shared a website with the Senate members entitled <i>Universities to Fear</i> just as an awareness issue for faculty. The overriding message was to be careful when dealing with candidates for open positions and project a positive attitude.</p>	
Updates (Dr. Gary Fisk)	<p>The following updates were made by Dr. Fisk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been no budging on the issue of 2 hour blocks for the Arts and Sciences Department. • Dr. Adler supports Reading Day being designated as a no meeting day with the exception of a General Faculty Meeting. This policy is to begin Fall 2010. • Promoting Collegiality – No code is being developed, but the importance of this issue is held 	

	<p>by Senate members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several program and policies need to be voted on and passed at the next Senate meeting, therefore there is a need for quorums at all committee meetings. • Faculty have expressed a concern regarding a policy of the length of time to keep a record of grades and how these are to be stored or destroyed. A Network File Storage System is to be established by Fall 2010. • The University System Faculty Council was approved by all USG institutions. This group will be presented to the BOR for official recognition. 	
Meeting adjourned	The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.	Next meeting is April 26 th @ 5:00 PM in the SGA Conference Room.

Bonnie Simmons
Recorder