**Georgia Southwestern State University**

**Approved Faculty Senate Minutes**

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 4pm

Nursing 106

Present: Jamie MacLennan, Keaton Wynn, John Le Jeune, Alaina Kaus, Anne Jacobs, Michele McKie, Leisa Easom, Michael Crosby, Amber Stovall, Anh-Hue Tu, Ian Brown, Ramona Mulleins-Foreman, Jonathan Carter, Sondra Smith, Sau Mukkavilli, Michelle Johnston (ex-officio).

**1. Call to Order**

a) Approval of Agenda

 b) Easom moved to approve, Le Jeune seconded. Passes unanimously.

**2. Minutes**

a)August 13, 2024

b) Name spelling issues corrected. Corrections approved by unanimous consent.

c) Le Jeune moved to approve, Easom second. Passes unanimously

**3. Senate Activity Updates**

**a)** MacLennan delivered a report on the Ad-Hoc Transition Committee Meetings and upcoming meeting with President Johnston (September 30th). Notes that Dr. Drake will be in attendance.

**i) LPP and Aspire is ongoing review is ongoing. The committee will be asking for clarification on deactivation process.**

 **a) Johnston clarified that she had met with Dr. Manga and told him our current intent is to survey LLPs and that there is no current plan for action beyond developing growth plans for individual programs**

ii) Dean of nursing search has candidates. The goal is to have a hire in place for January.

iii) There is a plan to review the Southwestern Week survey at the next meeting.

iv) Will also get updates on the state/review of the President Jimmy Carter Leadership Program

 v) Will discuss the future of plans for a Graduate School as proposed by the prior president.

b) MacLennan delivered a report on the President’s Cabinet Meeting. President Johnston also provided clarifications/additions on each item

i) Plans to ask about the state of the Library search about the academic status of the hire and the goals for the library will talk deans search and library search. (7 applicants.
` ii) Note that Brian Mallet is moving to COBAC and being to COB and George Banketas is assuming Brian’s role

iii) The library is shutting down for renovations December 10. ILL and reserves will be available at the MSC. The goal is to open in the fall.

iv) New withdrawal approval process is in place from academic affairs. Advisors will need to approve

v) QEP – is going well. Johnston wanted to commend faculty for the commitment/involvement in the process

vi) All faculty should have gotten an email from the dean on upcoming budget hearings. They should report needs. The goal is a more bottom up budgeting approach both for state hearings and to have plans for end of year funds.

vii) IT is working on the VoIP transition. Also reported on increased hacking issues and the policies and trainings in place to respond this.

viii) Open enrollment is coming. Remind faculty to review the dates and process.

c) Update on Action Items Sent to Committees.

i) The Academic Freedom language for the handbook and tabled issues with the wording of the probationary credit for tenure and promotion have been returned to Faculty Affairs.

ii) Article 4 senate membership and committees (committees that are not up to date). Plan is to refer it to Faculty Affairs

**4. Public Address - None**

**5. University Updates and Q+A**

a) President Michelle Johnston offered the following report.

 i) Johnston briefed on the weather announcement. Explained student safety and academic impact were the main concerns.

a) Johnston asked for input on virtual options and Weather announcement, virtual make up options.

b) Johnston reminded that the storms are impacting many of our students and we should keep than in mind when possible.

ii) USG had an AI Summit at Georgia Tech. It featured wo days on the research. Johnston is looking forward to bringing it to campus. We may need an AI taskforce.

 b) Provost Jill Drake – Not present

**6. Senate Discussion Items / Future Action Items**

 **a)** Senate Handbook revisions.

 i) tabled to allow Senators to mark up a digital copy

**7. Committee Recommendations**

**a) Academic Affairs**

 **i.** Bachelor of Integrated Studies – Curriculum Change.

 a) Carter moved to approve, Stovall seconded. Passed unanimously.

  **ii.** Proposal for a New Program (certificate) – Project Management

 a) Carter moved to approve, Stovall seconded. Passed unanimously.

**8. Announcement**

 **a)** Be safe in the storm

**9. Adjourned at 540 PM**