

Minutes

General Faculty Meeting April 26, 2013

Student Success Center

1. The meeting was called to order by Mr. David Hunter, Faculty Senate President at 10:00 am.
2. A motion to accept the minutes of November 30, 2012 was made by Dr. Kuipers. A couple of faculty members requested that the minutes be displayed on projector screen . The minutes were displayed and reviewed. The motion to accept was seconded and faculty voted unanimously to accept the minutes.
3. Mr. Hunter read a letter from Vice President Adler that provided updates:
 - a. Positive review for School of Education from NCATE and the Georgia Professional Standards commission.
 - b. Upcoming external reviews for School of Nursing and other units
 - c. SACS visit and review
 - d. Thanked Drs. Tate, McCoy and entire team from Academic Resource Center for securing a \$24,000 grant from University System of Georgia's Complete College initiative. Dr. Adler excited about the help that our students will receive.
4. Dr. Bryan Davis, SACSCOC Accreditation Liaison, updated faculty progress towards reaffirmation. He stated that an advisory visit occurred earlier this month and that we are making solid progress with the reaffirmation process. He added that we were on course for the visit and thanked faculty and staff for all of their efforts. He supplied a timeline:
 - a. Compliance Certificate due September 10, 2013
 - b. Off - site review results November, 2013
 - c. QEP and Focused Report January, 2014
 - d. On-Site Visit March 11-13, 2014
 - e. Reaffirmation Vote December, 2014
5. Dr. Elizabeth Gurnack updated the faculty concerning the Windows to the World topic. A web page has been created and a contest was held to select a logo. Dr. Gurnack displayed the logo. She added that the focused will include taking GSW to the world, bringing the world to GSW, enhancing international programs on campus, collaboration with local businesses and community groups and the addition of an international component to all University 1000 sections. Dr. Gurnack thanked faculty and staff for all of their assistance.
6. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs: Dr. Bryan Davis stated that this committee met four times and several proposals are included on the agenda for this meeting.
 - b. Academic Grievances: Reported that no grievances were filed this semester.
 - c. Athletics: Dr. MacLennan noted that the committee met several times and academic tutoring for student-athletes has been a positive development.
 - d. Business and Finance: Ms. Laurel Robinson stated that they met several times and budgetary considerations were a significant part of the meetings.
 - e. Faculty Affairs: Dr. Burt Carter summarized activity relating to faculty development and institutional grants.
 - f. Graduate Affairs: Dr. Sheryl Venable noted that the committee met several times and endorsed proposals from the School of Nursing and the English Dept. The committee also endorsed the renewal and approval of graduate teaching status upon seven faculty members.
 - g. Institutional Effectiveness: The committee met a couple of times during the semester.
 - h. Scholarships and Financial Aid: Dr. Fisk stated that the committee met twice during the semester and the focus was upon the establishment of criteria in order to grant scholarships for incoming freshman.
 - i. Student Affairs: Dr Uhl stated that the committee met several times and they approved several new, student organizations.
 - j. University and Alumni Affairs: Dr. Paula Martin stated that the committee had a busy semester exploring ways to engage alumni with activities and programs off and on campus. Homecoming week was quite successful.
7. New Business: Proposals from the committee on Academic Affairs
- a. Dr. Brian Smith motioned that items A through I be combined together for the purpose of voting. Each item will be discussed individually. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Senate president went down the list of all of the above mentioned items asking for discussion points. The question was called : All those in favor of approving items (A) through (I) say aye. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Proposed Student Complaint Procedures for Academic Issues: Ms. L .Robinson moved to accept and it was duly seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
8. New Business : Proposals from the Committee on Graduate Affairs
- a. Dept. of English and Modern Languages

- i. Curriculum Change: ENGL 6310. Motion was made to count the above listed course as an elective in the MA English program. Motion duly seconded and passed unanimously.
 - b. School of Nursing
 - i. Curriculum change: Master of Science in Nursing change of course numbers NURS 5100,5200,5400,5410,5420, and 6300 TO ALL 6000 COURSE NUMBERS. No changes to courses.
 - ii. Deactivations : NURS 5600,6000,6010,6030,5300,6000,and 6200
 - iii. New courses : NURS 6109,6210,6230,6240 AND 6800
 - iv. New courses for Informatics Track: NURS 6720,6730,6740,6750,6760 and 6880
 - v. updating content based on Affordable Care Act. Reflects best practices and meets mandates of accrediting agencies.
 - vi. Dr. Kuipers motioned to accept all proposals regarding item 8b. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
 - c. Renewal and approval of graduate faculty status of the following listed professors. Motion was made to accept below listed slate. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.
 - i. Paul Dahlgren
 - ii. Sandra Daniel
 - iii. Michael M. Fathi
 - iv. Elizabeth Kuipers
 - v. Bonnie Simmons
 - vi. Mary Elizabeth Wilson
 - d. Approval of new graduate faculty member
 - i. Rachel L. Abbott
- 9. Academic Policy Proposals
 - a. GSW Policy for Drafting, Approving, and Maintaining Collaborative Academic Arrangements. Endorsed by Faculty Senate. Dr. Liz Wilson moved to accept item. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
 - b. STUDENT ABSENCE POLICY FOR ORDERED MILITARY DUTY. Endorsed By Faculty Senate.
 - c. Proposed Change to General Baccalaureate Degree Requirements. Endorsed by Senate.
 - d. GSW Transfer credit proposal. Endorsed by Senate.

- e. Proposed Change to Academic Status Policy. Endorsed by Senate.
- f. Proposed change to credit limits for credit from Advanced Placement (AP) Testing Program, the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, departmental challenge exams, and Prior Learning Assessment (PLA), or transient credit. Endorsed by Senate.
- g. Motions were made to accept items 9b through 9f. Motions were seconded and passed unanimously.
- h. Academic Honors: This proposal would change the number of credit hours required to be considered for Academic Honors. The current policy requires students to have at least 15 hours during a semester in order to be eligible for honors. The faculty senate discussed this proposal and was clearly divided on the issue. A motion was made to adopt the proposal and duly seconded. The faculty discussed and debated this proposal. Dr. Tate said that students, especially freshman, should not be eliminated from consideration for honors because they are often registered for less than 15 hours. Dr. Cooper added that it is sometimes difficult to get freshman students a 15 credit hour load. Dr. Waldrop stated that students with less than 15 hours could be noted for academic achievement instead of having a designation of academic honors. Dr. Kuipers looked up the requirements of two other USG schools and found that 12 hours are needed for consideration for honors. Ms. Krista Smith added that BOR does not have a standard policy. After all faculty members had a chance to discuss this matter, a vote was held. The senate president asked for a show of hands of faculty members that wanted to approve the proposal. By a significant majority, the faculty voted to adopt the proposal.

10. University Statute Proposals

- a. Inclusion of Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance as a non-voting member of the Committee on Academic Affairs and the Subcommittee of Advising. Motion was made to accept this proposal and duly seconded. The faculty passed this proposal.
- b. IEC Statutory revision proposal : reduces subcommittees of IEC from 4 to 2 and spells out that IEC will report and make recommendations to the faculty senate and administrative council. Motion was made to approve this proposal and duly seconded. After discussion by faculty members, an amendment was offered that would change the

general faculty committee term from two years to at least two years. Both motions passed.

11. Senate President offered closing remarks and thanked faculty members, the Faculty Senate, Dr. Bryan Davis, Ms. Paradise, and Ms. Mingxuan Li critical assistance this academic year. Faculty and staff members who are retiring this academic year were also recognized.
12. Several faculty members made announcements.
13. Meeting Adjourned

Minutes Submitted by Hunter