

Georgia Southwestern State University
Americus, Georgia

Minutes of the General Faculty Meeting
Friday, May 1, 2009 – 10:00 A.M.
Student Success Center, Room 2417

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Gurnack, president of the Faculty Senate. A quorum of the faculty was present.

2. Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2008

A motion was made by Bola Tilghman and seconded by Stephanie Harvey to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2008, General Faculty meeting. They were unanimously approved.

3. Remarks by the President

Dr. Blanchard will be meeting with the GSW Foundation today. He shared a delightful poem about the current budget situation. Dr. Blanchard stated that even though times are bad, GSW is in a lot better situation than some. There are a lot of good things still going on including the accreditation by the AACSB in the School of Business Administration, the reaccreditation of the School of Nursing and 100% of the December nursing graduates have completed the licensing program. The School of Education is working hard and the numbers of students played an important role in increased enrollment and with our reputation with other schools. The School of Computing and Mathematics has a 2 + 2 agreement in Computer Science with Middle Georgia Technical College making GSW the first school to have this type agreement with them. The College of Arts and Sciences has had a productive year and has received some professional grants as well as the RCI. The athletic program has had a good year. As a group, the athletic students have higher grades than average. Dr. Blanchard stated that in spite of the recent cuts, everyone has been most hospitable, gracious and hardworking. In spite of the challenges, he is confident that GSW will come out stronger thanks to the hard work and dedication of those at GSW.

4. Remarks by Elizabeth Gurnack for the VPAA/Dean of Faculty

Elizabeth Gurnack spoke on behalf of Brian Adler who was representing GSW at the installation of the new president at Dalton State College. While at Dalton State, Dr. Adler intends to speak with representatives from our two-year partners regarding our TAG agreements and our efforts to attract and support increasing numbers of transfer students. He reported that Gary Kline has agreed to serve as the *New York Times* academic coordinator. He sees the *Times* as being useful within the classroom as a mechanism to enrich and elevate the intellectual conversations that we want to foster with our students and as a mechanism to look at ways of revitalizing the American Democracy Project. He intends for us to focus on fully developing a strategic plan to help define our institution. He is excited about our international student recruitment. We currently have five students visiting from North Gujarat University, with more expected in the fall. India and China can become significant educational partners as well. We will focus on accreditation issues and can

celebrate the achievements of the Schools of Business and Nursing. We will devote sustained attention in order to help the School of Education return to fully accredited status. He would like us to look at Live Text as an assessment tool to see how it could help. Dr. Adler will be attending the SACS meeting in Houston this summer to help begin the process of moving forward with activities that will make us a stronger institution for our SACS reaffirmation in 2014. He looks forward to the help and involvement of the faculty in this process. In spite of the budget issues this year, Dr. Adler has enjoyed his first year here and is impressed by the enthusiasm of the faculty for teaching and by this institution's care for its students. He looks forward to continuing to work with GSW in the years to come.

5. Reports by Committees:

Academic Affairs

Bryan Davis reported that a subcommittee on advising has revised the student advisement survey. It has been put online and has been sent to students by email. He thanked Julia Dorminey and John Kooti for their help with this process. The subcommittee on Academic Standards worked on the academic integrity policy which has been tabled. He thanked Sam Peavy, chair of the Academic Standards subcommittee, and the others for serving on these two subcommittees.

Academic Grievances - No Report

Athletics – No Report

Business and Finance

Nellie Lordanova reported that Cody King did a great job in summarizing the budget at the budget meeting on Wednesday, April 29, 2009.

Faculty Affairs – No Report

Graduate Affairs

Bola Tilghman reported that there are two applications for approval on today's agenda and thanked the members for their service on the committee.

Institutional Research

Charles Huffman reported that the committee has met three times. They are looking at using the National Survey of Student Engagement for students. They are also looking at benchmark institutions to compare data and to identify high impact items. He thanked the members for their service on the committee.

Institutional Review Board

Paul Shapiro reported that they have been federally approved by the IRB Institution. They are in the early process of updating forms. They have received 16 applications for review – 5 exempt, 9 expedited and 2 full review. Thirteen applications have been approved, one was rejected and two are still getting clarification. He thanked the members for their service on the committee.

Instructional Technology

Gary Fisk stated that they have met six times this academic year. They have considered and made recommendations about spending the Student Technology Fee money in accordance with the Board of Regents guidelines. This semester the main focus was on faculty and staff

participation for training and technology. They reviewed the number of faculty and staff that have taken advantage of the training opportunities and have found that not many have participated. The switch from WebCT to Vista 8 will begin in the fall. Some training has taken place and more will be scheduled during faculty planning week. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of the training.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

Brian Parkinson said that scholarships are to go out next Friday.

Student Affairs

Ellen Cotter stated that they have reviewed three student judiciary appeals, six student organization requests/constitution revisions and interviewed candidates for Hurricane Watch director and Sou'Wester/Sirocco editors.

University and Alumni Relations

David Hunter said the committee has met a few times and they are progressing.

Faculty Senate

Elizabeth Gurnack reported that several senators are leaving including Greg Hawver, Julie Megginson, Gretchen Smith, Jeff Waldrop, Tom Weiland, Liz Wilson and herself. New senators include Julia Dorminey, Cecilia Maldonado, Genie Bryan, Brian Smith, Anh Hue Tu and Keaton Wynn.

6. New Business

A. Academic Proposals

A motion to bundle the proposals by department was made by Tom Weiland and seconded by Liz Wilson. All approved.

(1) College of Arts and Sciences

(a) English and Modern Languages

A motion was made by Genie Bryan and seconded by John Kooti to approve all proposals of the Department of English and Modern Languages. All approved.

- (1) Addition – Course- Approved by the Faculty Senate
ENGL 2140 – The philosophical and psychological nature of mythology, dimensions of mythology in literature with emphasis on selected literary works (3-0-3)

Requiring this new course of all English majors prior to enrolling in upper division English classes.

- (2) Addition – Course- Approved by the Faculty Senate
ENGL 4965 – Senior Capstone Seminar for majors in the final semester of study (2-0-2).

Conflate Colloquium I and II. Creating one 2 hour course.

- (3) Substantive Change – Program - Approved by the Faculty Senate
Establishment of a Core English Curriculum for BA Degree.
The external reviewer for last year's CPR recommended that the BA in English Program should develop a shared group of courses required of all majors to give more continuity to the program and to help with issues of course rotation in a relatively small program. The BA in English Program will be restructured to establish a core of seven classes that all students in the Literature and the Professional writing tracks will be required to take. Many of these courses are also part of the teacher certification track.
- (4) Substantive Change – Program - Approved by the Faculty Senate
Additions to and deletions from the BA in English with Teacher Certification program
The department of English and Modern Languages proposes to change by adding a course to Area F and by replacing two one-hour major courses with a single two-hour course. These changes will not change the number of hours in the program.
- (5) Substantive Change – Program - Approved by the Faculty Senate
Minor Program in English
The department of English and Modern Languages proposed to make changes to its minor programs to bring them in line with the changes made to the BA program in English. Specifically, the two minor programs in literature and Professional Writing will be combined into a single minor in English with a small number of core classes and separate tracks in literature and in professional writing. This change is also necessitated by the deletion of several courses that were part of the minor in professional writing.

(b) Music

A motion was made by Mark Laughlin and seconded by Sam Peavy to approve all music proposals. All approved.

- (1) Substantive Change – Course- Approved by the Faculty Senate
MUSC 3103 – Instrumental Music in the Secondary School (3-4-3).
As part of the application with the PSC Professional Standards Commission to add Teacher Certification to the BA Music degree program, MUSC 3093 and MUSC 3103 have been proposed as 3 hour courses (currently 2 hours) in order to facilitate adequate field experience hours and also to coincide with other USG institutions.

- (2) Substantive Change – Course- Approved by the Faculty Senate
MUSC 3093 – Choral Music in the Secondary School (3-4-3)
As part of the application with the PSC Professional Standards Commission to add Teacher Certification to the BA Music degree program, MUSC 3093 and MUSC 3103 have been proposed as 3 hour courses (currently 2 hours) in order to facilitate adequate field experience hours and also to coincide with other USG institutions.
- (3) Substantive Change – Program - Approved by the Faculty Senate
BA Music with Teacher Certification
An updated curriculum sheet which has been submitted to the PSC for approval. The PSC will conduct a site visit in Fall 2009 and has given permission to admit students to the program.
- (c) Deletion – Program - Approved by the Faculty Senate
Religious Studies Certificate
The program has never awarded a certificate, the faculty who conceived and served the program are no longer at GSW and the classes that make up the curriculum are only rarely, if ever, taught.
- A motion was made by Elizabeth Kuipers and seconded by Bonnie Simmons to approve the deletion of the Religious Studies Certificate – All approved.

(2) School of Business Administration

Randall Valentine made a motion and Michael Fathi seconded to approve the Substitution of Accounting Degree Requirements. All approved.

Substantive Change – Program – Approved by the Faculty Senate
Substitution of Accounting degree requirements as described below:
Change the requirement of ACCT 4280 Contemporary Issues in Accounting to:

Choose one of the following;
ACCT 4280 Contemporary Issues in Accounting
ACCT 4240 Not-for-Profit Accounting
ACCT 4235 Advanced Income Tax Accounting or approved 4000 level accounting course

(3) School of Computing and Mathematics

Liz Wilson made a motion and Arvind Shah seconded to approve the proposals for the Department of Computer Science. All approved.

- (a) Department of Computer Science
- (1) Addition – Program – Approved by the Faculty Senate

BSIT External Stand Alone (Letter of Intent)

The Computer Science Department would like to add an Online BS in Information Technology program. This program will be particularly attractive to students from two-year and technical colleges, which signed the 2 + 2 agreements in computing fields with GSW.

(2) Substantive Change – Program – Approved by the Faculty Senate Bachelor of Information Technology (Professional Writing Option)

The English Department deleted some courses that are part of the BS IT (Professional Writing Option) curriculum. This proposal is to adjust to these changes.

(3) Substantive Change – Other – Approved by the Faculty Senate Certificate in Web Design

Revision of the Web Design Certificate Curriculum

(4) Addition – Other – Approved by the Faculty Senate and Graduate Faculty Policy on Three Year Degrees

To add a policy on three year degrees from India under the MOU with North Gujarat University

(b) Department of Mathematics

Sam Peavy made a motion and Charles Huffman seconded to approve the BS in Math with Option in Industrial Math and BS in Mathematics. All approved.

Substantive Change – Program - Approved by the Faculty Senate BS in Math with Option in Industrial Math, and BS in Mathematics

Move CSCI 1302 from Major Requirements to Area F in the spot occupied by MATH 2222, and move MATH 2222 to the spot formerly occupied by CSCI 1302. This shift does not change the requirements for either degree, but does make it possible for students wishing to minor in Computer Science to count both CSCI 1301 and 1302 toward the minor. This should encourage students in both math degree programs to consider Computer Science as a viable minor. (Notice that since both courses are 4 credits, the Core and Major/Elective Requirement totals will be unchanged.)

(4) School of Education

Bola Tilghman made a motion and John Kooti seconded to approve the School of Education proposals. All approved.

(a) Addition – Other – Approved by the Faculty Senate Education Minor

This is a proposal to add an Education Minor. The courses in the Education Minor consist of the 6 existing courses – EDUC 2110 – Investigating Issues in Ed, EDUC 2120 – Exploring Div in Ed, EDUC 2130 – Exploring Learning and Teaching, EDSP 3000 – The Exceptional Student, EDUC 3200 – Instructional Tech-Media, and EDUC 3330 – The Art and Science of Teaching. The minor in education does not lead to teacher certification.

- (b) Department of Health and Human Performance
Substantive Change – Program – Approved by the Faculty Senate
BSEd HPE-Exercise Science/Wellness Concentration
The Department of Health and Human Performance is proposing a curriculum revision for the BSEd HPE-Exercise Science/Wellness concentration

(5) School of Nursing

Leisa Easom made a motion and Craig Knight seconded to approve the LPN to RN Track Proposal. All Approved.

Addition – Other – Approved by the Faculty Senate
LPN to RN Track Proposal

To offer an educational program of study track in the GSW School of Nursing that focuses on the mobility of the Licensed Practical nurse (LPN) to study for and attain a BSN degree. Narrative for program proposal and curriculum sheet attached.

B. Graduate Affairs

- (1) Substantive Change – Program – Approved by the Faculty Senate
MS Environmental Science and Policy (Letter of Intent)
We propose a new graduate program: MS in Environmental Science and Policy. This program will provide essential experience and training required for successful careers in the field of environmental science and policy.

A motion was made and was seconded by Anh Hue Tu to approve the MS Environmental Science and Policy (Letter of Intent). All approved.

- (2) Addition – Program - Approved by the Faculty Senate
Master of Arts English: Critical Studies in Literacy and Communication (Letter of Intent)
The proposed program tackles the explosion of literacies in our world and anticipates students' need to learn and use these multiple literacies as each of the distinctive modes of communication develop. Such communication in diverse modes is essential to successful careers, leadership roles, productive citizenship, and a satisfying quality of life. Our proposed degree invites students from all disciplines to engage in rigorous critique of today's rhetorical modes.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Kuipers and seconded by Laurel Robinson to approve the Master of Arts English: Critical Studies in Literacy and Communication (Letter of Intent) proposal. All approved.

- (3) Addition – Course – Approved by the Faculty Senate
BUSA 6160 Managerial Economics
Add BUSA 6160 Managerial Economics to the requirements for the Master of Business Administration degree.

A motion was made by John Kooti and seconded by Arvind Shah to approve the BUSA 6160 Managerial Economics proposal. All approved.

- (4) Substantive Change – Program – Approved by the Faculty Senate
Master of Business Administration
The following changes are recommended to the Master of Business Administration degree requirements:

Change the total number of required hours from 36 to 30
Change the number of elective hours from 12 to 6
Delete BUSA 6110 - Ethics from the list of required courses
Add BUSA 6160 – Managerial Economics to the list of required courses

A motion was made by Liz Wilson and was seconded to approve the Master of Business Administration proposal changes. All approved.

- (5) Graduate Faculty Applications – Approved by Graduate Affairs
Cecilia Maldonado
John Stroyls

A motion was made and was seconded by John Kooti to approve the graduate faculty applications. All approved.

- C. Changes in Faculty Handbook – Approved by Faculty Senate
S. Policies and Procedures of the Committee on Academic Affairs
Revisions to the Faculty Handbook from Faculty Affairs

A motion was made and seconded to approve the faculty handbook changes. All approved.

7. Announcements

Lynda Lee Purvis reminded the deans and chairs to submit Bulletin changes to the Registrar before the end of spring semester. Gaye Hayes announced that Krista Smith is the new registrar and she will begin on Monday, May 4. Mrs. Purvis introduced Ina Ding who is a visiting scholar from China. She will be here through August and will be working with the writing project with Peggy Ellington. Linda Fuller will be the commencement speaker. Mrs. Purvis encouraged everyone to attend the breakfast where honors awards will be presented. She reminded everyone to get their grades into BANNER and to remember that senior grades are due by noon on Friday, May 8. Deans and chairs need to make sure that part-time faculty are aware of the deadlines.

David Hunter said that a retirement reception for Karl Wilson was held last Friday and alumni came from as far as Nebraska to the reception. Mr. Wilson has been here for 35 years. He will be here until the end of the month.

Elizabeth Kuipers announced that she needs to get teaching circle information to Polly by the end of next week. Faculty need to apply before the end of the year. Planning will take place in the fall for an honors seminar to be taught spring 2010. Also, faculty should read *Hot, Flat and Crowded* by Thomas Friedman over the summer in preparation for fall semester.

Ellen Cotter said that it is not too early to look for good papers for the Delores Capitan award. Submissions can be sent to Lydia Rogers who is now in charge.

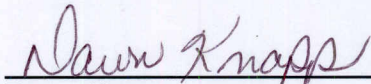
Genie Bryan requested that the faculty start considering work for submission for SIROCCO. Writings can be from faculty and students.

8. Adjourn

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:



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