

GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Americus, Georgia

Minutes of the General Faculty Meeting

Wednesday, 4 May 2005, 11:00 am

Education Center 205

1. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Cathy L. Rozmus Vice-President for Academic Affairs. A quorum of the faculty was present.
2. The minutes of the 1 December 2004 General Faculty Meeting were approved (moved by John Kooti; seconded by Linda Hagins).
3. Remarks by President Michael L. Hanes
 - a. Dr. Hanes commented that he is proud of the Green Campus Initiative and the Healthy Campus 2010 Initiative, programs unique to GSW within the University System of Georgia. Dr. Dan Askren and Mr. George Smith are co-chairs of the Green Campus Initiative. They have completed a comprehensive environmental audit, which the task force will use to identify specific goals and action objectives.
 - b. Ms. Monica Taylor and Ms. Michelle Parnell are co-chairs for the Healthy Campus 2010 Initiative. Their recommendations will lead to activities that GSW can implement to promote wellness and healthy choices. In particular, first-year students during their first three weeks on campus will be targeted for learning how to make healthy choices early in their college career.
 - c. The *Voices* campaign is making good progress. As of 31 March 2005 the campaign has received \$9,346,000 in gifts and pledges. The faculty/staff portion of \$150,000 will no doubt be exceeded; more than \$149,000 had been received by 31 March. Additionally, seven new endowed scholarships were added this year. The number of scholarships endowed at \$25,000 or more has doubled within the last six years.
 - d. In today's meeting we will discuss the addition of a new learning outcome—civic engagement. Dr. Hanes solicited the support of the faculty for this addition.
4. Remarks by the Vice-President Cathy L. Rozmus:
 - a. Dr. Rozmus recognized all who during this past year received distinguished professor grants, faculty development grants or external grants; made presentations at professional conferences; had publications accepted; were elected to state or national office in a professional organization.
 - b. Those awarded tenure are Gary Fisk, Marcia Mayo, Julie Megginson, Sam Peavy, and Phil Szmedra. Those promoted (all from assistant to associate professor) are Peggy Ellington, Gary Fisk, Sam Peavy, and Phil Szmedra.

- c. Those retiring are Harold Isaacs, Angelia Moore, Tom Wheeler, and Nancy Morris. Each was given an opportunity to address the faculty.
 - d. Program reviews were conducted in history & political science, chemistry, music, dramatic arts, and all education programs. The School of Education also completed an NCATE review. The School of Nursing had a review by the Board of Nursing.
 - e. Finally Dr. Rozmus recognized those who participated in Preview Days, STORM Days, Springfest, Homecoming, Campus Pride Day, and chaperoning trips abroad.
 - f. Dr. Rozmus has received 10 reports of academic dishonesty since last May, but none were repeaters. Twenty-two faculty members are actively using Turnitin.com.
 - g. Steve Galatas spoke on the American Democracy Project—civic engagement on public lands. Stephanie Harvey will be going to Yellowstone this summer as part of the project.
 - h. Dr. Rozmus distributed a survey to teachers of core classes regarding the extent to which civic engagement is already being addressed in the curriculum. She asked people to e-mail her any other ideas.
 - i. Since Tom Wheeler is retiring, we will need a secretary for the faculty meeting. Nobody volunteered so Dawn Knapp will serve as secretary.
5. Committee Reports:
Dr. Rozmus asked that all end-of-year committee reports be sent to Tim Faircloth for posting on the GSW website.
6. New Business:
- a. The following items were all forwarded from the Faculty Senate with its endorsement:
 - 1) Career Certificate for English as a Second Language (Standard Level). Passed.
 - 2) Career Certificate for English as a Second Language (Advanced Level). Passed.
 - 3) Change in admission requirements for entering the Ed.S. Early Childhood Program and Ed.S. Middle Grades Program so that an applicant does not have to go through the admissions process again. Passed.
 - 4) Change in the geology major, reducing geology requirements by 4 hours but concomitantly increasing elective hours by the same amount. Passed.
 - 5) The one-paragraph version of GSW's Mission Statement was discussed. An amendment was passed to rephrase the second sentence as "The respected faculty demonstrate dedication to teaching and offer strong professional and degree programs with a foundation in the liberal arts and sciences." The faculty then approved the Mission Statement as revised.

7. Announcements:
- a. Angelia Moore commented on preparations for GSW's Centennial next year and urged faculty members to purchase bricks, benches or lampposts that will be in Centennial Plaza, between Jackson Hall and the Student Success Center.
 - b. Lori Urbani commented that there is now a place on the Final Grade sheet to put the date of last attendance for any students who had abandoned class during the semester.
 - c. Herschel Beazley has been selected to be a Governor's Teaching Fellow for this next year.
 - d. In response to a question, Dr. Hanes commented that women's volleyball would not be continued next year. GSW will be joining a new athletic conference; the only schools in the conference that have women's volleyball are all out-of-state. The sport will be replaced by men's and women's cross-country. Those women on volleyball scholarships will still receive their scholarships but will assist in other areas.
 - e. Lynda Lee Purvis invited everyone to graduation activities on Sat 7 May. Tickets for tours of the Student Success Center will be available at the President's reception.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 pm to attend the faculty and staff picnic on Sanford Lawn.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Thomas L. Wheeler, Secretary

Michael L. Hanes, President