

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Meeting
March 23, 2004

Attending: President Michael Hanes, Vice President Cathy Rozmus, Doyin Coker-Kolo, Samuel Peavy, Patricia Cook, Mohammed Talukdar, Richard Hall, Karen S. Cook, Lee Ann Dalzell, Gary Fisk, Ellen Cotter, and Brian Heshizer.

1. Meeting began at ~3:04 PM.
2. Dr. Hanes reported the following:
 - a) The Facilities Master Planning Process has begun. A formal update to our previous plan is happening now, with architectural firms from Atlanta involved in the process. The groups will be speaking to all segments of the campus community to get input for the process. An update on the process will be given at the end of the term. If there is any interest in participating we and our fellow faculty should contact our dean or chairs.
 - b) A new suite-style residence hall has been proposed to the Board of Regents (BOR) to replace Column III. The new structure is to have 175 units and is to be funded via a “payback” model, where bonds would be issued for the \$5 million cost and we would pay the bond off through revenues generated by the dormitory. Time-line is currently 2.5-3 years from now unless another source of funding can be identified.
 - c) Ideas for enrollment enhancement proposed to BOR and Chancellor:
 - 1) Start a University College at GSW to increase enrollment. Many of our local area students cannot score high enough on the SAT to get admitted to the University; University College would provide a “bridge” to allow students that are close to the admission SAT score to show that they can do college-level work before full admission to GSW.
 - 2) Start an on-line RN to BSN program.
 - 3) Increase our partnerships with two-year colleges across the state.
 - 4) Finding ways to increase graduate enrollment.
 - 5) Begin men’s and women’s soccer and golf programs in Fall 2004 with money from the GSW Foundation. Could bring up to 80 new students on campus.
3. Minutes from the February 19th meeting were approved with edits (Section 3b).
4. Changes in the BSEd program for Health and Physical Education were considered. The proposed changes were required by NASPE, NCATE and PSC, and were approved with minimal discussion.
5. Dr. Rozmus circulated some information that came from the last Dean’s Council meeting:
 - a) Travel Budgets for various departments – we were encouraged to make sure we used our share of the budget.
 - b) Fall semester undergraduate and graduate enrollment numbers from 1996 through 2003.
 - c) Graduate enrollment numbers from FY01-03. Downward trend caused primarily by decisions made at the BOR to eliminate our graduate centers in Dublin and at ABAC.
 - d) PSAT scores for Spring 2005 graduates in our “region” (13 counties) and in Bibb, Houston, Muscogee, Dougherty and Lee counties. The numbers show that only 39% of our region’s students make qualifying scores on the PSAT, whereas 66% of students in the other five counties pass the PSAT.

- e) PSAT scores for Spring 2006 graduates in our “region” (13 counties) and in Bibb, Houston, Muscogee, Dougherty and Lee counties. The numbers show that only 17.5% of our region’s students make qualifying scores on the PSAT, whereas 29.6% of students in the other five counties pass the PSAT.
- 6. The PSAT numbers show that we need to help our local students prepare themselves for college and encourage them to take the PSAT in preparation for the SAT. Dr. Hanes announced that we are trying to get funding for a program developed in Texas called the “Campaign from College Readiness”. We’ll be partnering with Valdosta State, Albany State, and the University of Georgia in this effort.
- 7. Announcements:
 - a) The Dolores Capitan awards.
 - b) The Jackson Hall Rededication tours and concert.
- 8. The meeting adjourned at 3:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Samuel T. Peavy