

GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Americus, Georgia

Minutes of the General Faculty Meeting
Wednesday, 3 December 2003 11:00 am
Education Center 100

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 30 April 2003 General Faculty Meeting were approved.
3. Remarks by President Michael L. Hanes

Dr. Hanes extended his thanks to the faculty for their hard work with our students and their commitment to student success. Dr. Hanes reported that the mandated budget reductions had been achieved with minimal impact on our academic mission.

He also reported that a number of difficult personnel decisions had to be made during the semester. He emphasized that all personnel actions were taken in accordance with Board of Regents policies and procedures.

Dr. Hanes commented that there are a number of signs of success on our campus. GSW was selected to be one of 12 public institutions in the nation to participate in the project known as Foundations of Excellence in the First Year of College. Faculty members are actively engaged in the American Democracy Project, a national initiative of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. The School of Business received a very positive accreditation review by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education. A number of construction and renovation projects remain on schedule, including the renovation of Jackson Hall and the construction of the Student Success Center.

4. Remarks by the Vice-President Cathy L. Rozmus:
 - a. There will be a NASA exhibit on campus in February.
 - b. Dr. Lisa Cooper and Dr. Tom Johnson spoke about the Foundations of Excellence project to which GSW has been invited to participate.
 - c. Dr. Steve Galatas spoke about the American Democracy Project.
 - d. Dr. Peggy Ellington spoke about the UNIV 4000 class for Spring 2004
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Task Force on Scholarship. Dr. Angelia Moore reported that a subcommittee has crafted a specific definition of "scholarship" which will be submitted to the Faculty Affairs Committee.
 - b. Faculty Affairs Committee. Dr. Judy Spann mentioned that faculty development grants are due no later than 11 February 2004.

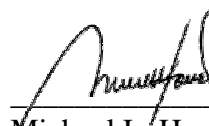
- c. Instructional Technology. Dr. Gary Fisk reported that there is an innovative technology Web page.
6. New Business:
- a. The following items were all forwarded from the Faculty Senate with its endorsement:
- 1) Changes in the requirements for the BBA in Accounting. Passed.
 - 2) Change of name of the Department of English & Foreign Languages to the Department of English, Modern Languages, and Learning Support.
 - 3) Introduction to Women's Studies was approved as an option for Core Area B.
 - 4) A new certificate program in Women's Studies. Passed.
 - 5) A Career Certificate for ESL—Standard Level, which will appear on the transcripts of Asian Studies students' transcripts. Passed
 - 6) A Career Certificate for ESL—Advanced Level, which will also appear on the transcripts of Asian Studies students' transcripts. Passed.
 - 7) A Not-For-Profit Certificate Program in business. Passed.
 - 8) A Graduate Certificate Program in CIS. Passed.
- b. Changes in the University Statutes. Passed.
- c. Several applications for Graduate Faculty membership were all approved.
7. Announcements:
In response to a question regarding the possibility that GSW might purchase the Americus Country Club, Dr. Hanes commented that the GSW Foundation has made an offer of \$500,000 to purchase the 149 acres and buildings.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:



Thomas L. Wheeler, Secretary



Michael L. Hanes, President