**Georgia Southwestern State University**

Approved Faculty Senate Minutes

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 4pm

Nursing 106

Present: Michael Crosby, Anne Jacobs, Jill Drake (ex-officio), John LeJeune, Jamie MacLennan, Alaina Kaus, Jonathan Carter (phone), Michele McKie, Leisa Easom, Amber Stovall, Sai Mukkavilli, Sondra Smith, Anh-Hue Tu, Ramona Mulleins-Foreman, Mark Laughlin (guest)

1. Call to Order at 4:11 pm.
   1. Approval of Agenda. Motion to approve by Easom. Seconded by Mulleins-Foreman. Unanimous approval
2. Minutes
   1. October23, 2024. Motion to approve by LeJeune. Second Jacobs. Approved Unanimously
3. Senate Activity Updates
   1. USG Faculty Council Meeting Report (11/1-2)
      1. Perdue talked about initiatives-performance metrics for funding, micro credentials, quarter sessions, affordable learning, reaching out to nontraditional students to return to school.
      2. Spiroh talked about post tenure review assessments and ratings are up to institutions, unsatisfactory ratings- had no opinion on where numbers should be, retention of faculty.
   2. President’s Cabinet Meeting Report
      1. Faculty concerns about removal of fall break and meeting day. Proposal would need to be sent to Calendar Planning Committee from Faculty Senate or Academic Affairs.
      2. Credential sharing by non-students, often overseas, are taking components of online classes. Faculty unable to intervene.
      3. Proctored areas being moved to Sanford Hall with Library closure.
      4. LPPs are giving presentations to Dr. Johnston and Dr. Drake next semester.
   3. Update on Action Items Sent to Committees
      1. Graduate Affairs (Withdrawal Policy)
         1. Drawing up proposal
      2. Faculty Affairs (Probationary Credit Policy and USG Core Values Statement)
         1. May not have considered probationary Credit Policy
         2. May not vote on Values Statement-would like to follow procedure
4. Public Address - none
5. University Updates and Q+A
   1. President Michelle Johnston (notes read by MacLennan)
      1. Attended BOR meeting
         1. GSW recognized 4th semester in a row for largest % increase in enrollment among state universities.
         2. GSW was awarded for greatest percentage increase in 6-year graduation rates (bachelor degrees)
   2. Provost Jill Drake
      1. BOR meeting-changes to policies (on website-October board meeting)
         1. institutional Freedom of Expression 6.5.2
         2. Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment 6.6
         3. Equal Employment Opportunity 8.2.1
         4. Employee Orientation and Training 8.2.5
         5. Evaluation of Personnel/Faculty 8.3.5.1
         6. New MD (UGA)
      2. Music termination approved
      3. NISS Update-Bryan Davis and David Jenkins will meet weekly
      4. Budge hearing proposal submitted-meeting will be in February
      5. Enrollment has increased for Spring, but not as high as Fall (8%)-undergraduate up, graduate down.
      6. Complete College Georgia Report with Aspire actions minus Director of graduate studies submitted to USG
      7. Dr Davis attended Adult Learner’s meeting
         1. only using credit from prior learning going forward (PLA eliminated)
         2. Push to bring in more adult learners
      8. MEDLI Dashboard has been released-on USG website for newly released programs (job info for graduates, labor statistics, etc)-information is now in one place
      9. George Banketas will be replacing Brian Mallet as Director of Institutional Research as Mallet has taken a role in COBAC beginning in January
      10. Question about accreditation-we don’t have to have SACS-there is a list of accreditations that are sanctioned, but SACS will most likely remain
6. Committee Recommendations
   1. Academic Affairs
      1. BSED Special Education - Curriculum change. Motion to approve by McKie. Second Crosby. Approved Unanimously
      2. Wildlife Biology - Certificate revision. Motion to approve by Jacobs. Second LeJeune. Approved Unanimously
         1. Research Applications and Methods – New certificate. Motion to approve by MacLennan. Second Crosby. Approved Unanimously, but MacLennan will speak with Dr. Harvey to have it amended to clarify internship credit wording.
      3. Integrated Studies – New certificate. Motion to approve by Jacobs. Second McKie. Motion did not pass 5-6.
      4. B.S. Chemistry - Curriculum change. Motion to approve by Jacobs. Second Mulleins-Foreman. Approved Unanimously
      5. BFA Art – Curriculum change. Motion to approve by LeJeune. Second by Mulleins-Foreman. Approved Unanimously.
      6. BFA Art – Curriculum Change (Integrative Studies Track). Motion to approve by LeJeune. Seconded by Crosby. Approved Unanimously.
      7. B.S. Information Technology – Curriculum change. Motion to approve by Mukkavilli. Seconded by Smith. Approved Unanimously.
      8. Institutional Priority - Class deletion (THEA 1110). Motion to approve by Jacobs. Seconded by Crosby. Approved Unanimously.
      9. Proposal to remove foreign language requirement. Motion to approve by LeJeurne. Seconded by Jacobs. Approved Unanimously.
7. Senate Discussion Items/Future Action Items
   1. Senate Handbook revisions. Motion to table until next meeting by McKie. Seconded by Crosby. Approved by a vote of 10-1.
8. Announcements – none.
9. Adjourned at 6:03 PM

Submitted by Amber Stovall