

Georgia Southwestern State University
Americus, Georgia

Minutes of the General Faculty Meeting
Friday, December 1, 2006, 11:00 A.M.
Student Success Center, Room 2410

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Cathy Rozmus, Vice President for Academic Affairs. A quorum of the faculty was present.

2. Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2006

The minutes of the April 28, 2006, General Faculty Meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Remarks by the President

Dr. Hanes shared the following comments that he made to the Board of Trustees of the GSW Foundation. We have accumulated significant resources in the University endowment and it is the fourth largest endowment of a public university in Georgia. The Trustees were encouraged to focus on using those resources to recruit and retain students as well as strengthen the fine academic programs that have been established at GSW. He emphasized that the development of resources is essential for the future of the University. As we identify priorities for the next strategic plan, we need to continue to seek funding sources to address those priorities. Dr. Hanes expressed his gratitude for their encouragement and support during his tenure at GSW. He encouraged the faculty to place their confidence in the GSW leadership team, in the interim president, Dr. Blanchard, and the next permanent president of the University. Dr. Hanes shared with the faculty thoughts about accomplishments that have been achieved together in the last ten years. He stated that given our limited resources, it has been critical that all of our efforts to build recognition for GSW are coordinated to communicate a consistent set of messages in regard to prospective students, parents, and our community. Distinctive features of GSW include a traditional college environment and a time devoted to learning and growth, campus elements that lead to greater aspirations and expanded personal ambitions, and a distinctive sense of place. In closing, Dr. Hanes thanked the faculty for their dedication to GSW and expressed his gratitude to have had the opportunity to be a part of the growth and development of the University.

4. Remarks by the Vice President for Academic Affairs - None

5. Reports by Committees:

There were no reports from the committees.

6. New Business

A. Academic Proposals

(1) Deletion - Program

(a) BAS in Technology Management - **APPROVED**

The purpose of this proposal is to deactivate the BAS degree in Technology Management. The program has limited enrollment and is no longer appropriate to the mission of the School of Business Administration and GSW Strategic plan.

- (b) BS in History Degree - APPROVED
Deletion of BS in History degree
- (c) BBA Degree in General Business - APPROVED
The purpose of this proposal is to delete the BBA degree in General Business. This program has not been offered since fall 2002.
- (d) AAS Programs - APPROVED
This proposal will delete all associate degree programs at GSW. Programs with students enrolled will not accept any new students and then will be terminated after the graduation of the last student. The cooperative AAS degree programs were implemented prior to the technical colleges granting 2 year degrees. In addition, 2 of the 3 cooperating technical colleges are now accredited by the Commission on Colleges of SACS. Enrollment is low in all programs and some programs have never had any students enrolled.

(2) Substantive Change - Program

B.S. in Geology - APPROVED

The curriculum for the Bachelor of Science degree in Geology is being altered to reflect the following: 1) Removal of GEOL 3131 (Optical Mineralogy) from the Required Courses in the curriculum sheet; 2) Removal of GEOL 4941/4942 (Senior Thesis I and II) from the Required Courses list to the Math/Science Elective list; 3) Addition of option of Math 2204 (Statistics) to Area D of the Core Curriculum; 4) Addition of new course, GEOL 4951 – Special Topics in Geology, to the Math/Science Elective List; 5) Change of hours for GEOL 4311 (Sedimentary Petrology) from 2 credit hours back to its original 4 credit hours; and 6) Modification of Free Elective course hours to “3/4” from “3”. The primary motivation for making these changes at this time is to make the program more attractive to potential majors by reducing requirements and allowing for graduation without Calculus I or Senior Thesis.

B. Resolution Concerning Changes in the State Contribution to the University System of Georgia Optional Retirement Plans - APPROVED

7. Announcements

- (a) A farewell reception for Dr. Hanes will take place in the afternoon at 3:00 p.m. with remarks at 3:30 p.m. Holiday Open House is Saturday, December 2, with the rededication of the Wheatley Administration building and fireworks to follow. Graduation will be held on December 9, 2006.
- (b) Ms. Vera Weisskopf introduced Ms. Gretchen Smith, the new Collection Development Librarian in the James Earl Carter Library.
- (c) Dr. Ellen Cotter asked that faculty look for outstanding term papers that could be submitted for the Delores Capitan Writing Award.
- (d) Professor Laurel Robinson announced that open house for Fine Arts is tonight and invited everyone to stop by and see the art displays. She also invited everyone to the art sale.
- (e) Mr. Ray Mannila said that two performances of a Student Showcase production, "Into

the Woods", will be presented tonight. Also, the Sumter Players and GSW Dramatic Arts will present "A Dickens' Christmas Carol: A Traveling Travesty in Two Tumultuous Acts" on December 7-9 at 8:00 p.m. and a matinee on the 10th at 2:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Dawn J. Knapp, Administrative Assistant
to the VPAA

Michael L. Hanes, President