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Faculty Senate Minutes
June 7, 2016
4:00 to 6:00 P.M.

Nessmith-Lane Ballroom

Voting Members in Attendance: Cheryl Aasheim, Evans Afriyie-Gyawu, Matthew Flynn for Olga Amarie, William Amponsah, Scott Beck, Sarah Bielski, Gavin Colquitt, Finbarr Curtis, Marc Cyr, Tom Pearsall for Larisa Elisha, Jennifer Kowalewski for Steven Elisha, Richard Flynn, Tim Giles, Alice Hall, Jim Harris, Ming Fang He, Stephen Carden for Yi Hu, Scott Kersey, Mujibur Khan, Shainaz Landge, Alisa Leckie, Jim LoBue, Nan LoBue, Lawrence Locker, Sajumdar Majumdar, Leticia McGrath, Jessica Minihan, Lowell Mooney, Shahnaz Navaee, Lina Soares, Hana Samawi for James Stephens, Linda L. Thompson, Tharanga Wickramarachchi

Members not in Attendance: Ellen Hamilton, Jonathan Hilpert, Barbara King, Li Li, Lili Li, Li Ma, Ron MacKinnon, Alan Mackelprang, Bryan Miller, Constantin Ogloblin, Marshall Ransom, Joe Ruhland, Jake Simons, Valentin Soloiu, Mark Welford

Administrators in Attendance: Jean Bartels, Martha Abell, Diana Cone, Barry Joyner, Bede Mitchell, Curtis Ricker

Visitors: Greg Brock, Meca Williams-Johnson, Vince Cardenas, Candace Griffith, Brooke Salter, D. Jason Slone, Dustin Anderson, Rocio Alba-Flores, Maura Copeland

Senate Moderator and Chair Senate Executive Committee: Patricia Humphrey

Parliamentarian: Karen McCurdy

[Approval of the Agenda for the June 7, 2016 meeting.](#)

Moved and Approved.

[Approval of the April 20, 2016 Minutes: Marc Cyr \(CLASS\), Senate Secretary.](#)

Cyr noted some corrections had been made because of omissions caused by the lack of a recording of that meeting. So amended, the minutes were Moved and Approved.

[Librarian's Reports for June 2016, Jessica Minihan \(LIB\), Senate Librarian.](#)

Moved and Approved.

Undergraduate Committee Report – Cheryl Aasheim (CEIT), Chair:

The Committee unanimously approved four comprehensive program reviews: BM in Music Education, BM in Performance, BS in Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design, and core curriculum Gen Ed. In addition, they approved 42 course revisions, across four colleges, the majority in the College of Engineering and IT. They are still adjusting to the new Manufacturing Engineering and the Engineering Program, and this led to two program revisions: one in Manufacturing Engineering and one in Mechanical Engineering. They also approved the committee's meeting schedule for next year. The report was Moved and Approved.

Graduate Committee Report – Dustin Anderson (CLASS), Chair

They approved twelve comprehensive program reviews: the Graduate Certificate in Applied Economics, the Graduate Certificate in Enterprise Resource Planning, the Masters in Applied Economics, the Ph.D. in Logistics and Supply Chain Management, the Graduate Certificate in Dietetic Internship, the Post-Masters Certificate in Nurse Educator, the Post-Masters Certificate in Family Nurse Practitioner, Certificates in Occupational Safety & Environmental Compliance, Engineering & Manufacturing Management, the Graduate Certificate in Public History, the MA in History, and the MS in Psychology. There was a high level of praise for the CPR in Public History, which was a finely written report. Two very substantive results came from those Comprehensive Program Reviews: One was a request for earlier and more uniform access to program data, and this has been passed to the Provost's Office; and the second was a clear need for more education in diversity and management in that area. A number of new business items will be addressed during the following meeting cycle. Regarding old business, they approved the Prior Learning Assessment document and asked that to be moved forward to COGS. They also addressed the long tabled Graduate Faculty Status item and approved it with slight changes to both the form and policy. Anderson noted that since the meeting there have been questions raised about the definition of lecturers, as there seems to be some disparity between colleges as far as what lecturers do and how they are addressed on that form and in that policy. They also approved their upcoming meeting schedule.

Moderator Humphrey believed that the Prior Learning Assessment and the Graduate Faculty Status changes, in terms of who is eligible to be graduate faculty and so on, ought to come as separate motions to the Senate instead of just being approved as part of the Graduate Faculty report because we need to know more before just approving those items.

Marc Cyr (CLASS) moved that those two items be removed and brought separately to the Senate. There was a second.

Anderson asked what the appropriate format would be to bring those forward to the Faculty Senate for discussion.

Moderator Humphrey said those should be two separate motions because they are two separate situations, but to talk with incoming Moderator Richard Flynn.

Anderson noted that likely the Prior Learning Assessment issue would be fairly straightforward, but the Graduate Faculty Status item came from the then Interim Associate Dean of COGS, he did not know who was in that position now, and assumed that the committee would need to work with that person to make that motion.

Moderator Humphrey said he should work with the Provost. Richard Flynn (CLASS) asked that Humphrey and others send their concerns either to him or Anderson or both, so that they can be addressed while Anderson is working on the motion.

Humphrey noted that one of her concerns was that the Graduate Faculty item came forward at the very end of that Graduate Committee meeting and there were only six people in attendance at that point, which means the whole Graduate Committee did not really vote on that.

Flynn, a member of that committee, noted that the meeting was very long and he himself had had to leave to teach class. Anderson noted that the item had been a matter of ongoing discussion, but also that he was fine with bringing it to the Senate for further discussion.

Cyr's motion was Approved. The Graduate Committee Minutes, thus amended, were Approved.

President's Report (Jean Bartels)

Changes at the University

Vice President for Information Technology and CIO, Dr. Steve Burrell, has taken a position as the new Chief Information Technology Officer at Northern Arizona University. Our Interim Chief Technology Officer will be Ron Stalnaker who most of you

know will be taking over that responsibility. The College of Graduate Studies will for the moment be under the Provost's Office pending reorganization of COGS under incoming President Hebert. President Bartels noted that we have had a number of resignations in COGS, including almost everybody on the academic administrative side. She welcomed input on the COGS reorganization from anyone that has worked closely with COGS.

Faculty Spotlight

President Bartels highlighted that there is a "Faculty Spotlight" located on the University website under the Newsroom. It appears every month highlighting a different faculty member who is doing interesting and exciting things, but may not be getting appropriate attention. June's Faculty Spotlight was on [Dr. Jonathan Hilpert](#), an Associate Professor of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading in the College of Education, featuring a video about the work that he is doing and the kind of excitement he has about being a faculty member here at Georgia Southern.

Dr. Jaimie Hebert

Dr. Jaimie Hebert will be our 13th President, starting July 1st, though he was already relocated to Statesboro and, besides many discussions with President Bartels, he was familiarizing himself with campus by walking about and chatting with folks he ran into.

Thank You

President Bartels thanked everyone on Faculty Senate, noting that such service doesn't get the recognition that it needs to have. She particularly thanked Pat Humphrey, who was leaving as the Senate Moderator. She recognized Humphrey's most recent two-year stint as Moderator and awarded her a plaque with "the great hammer on it," the plaque reading, "In recognition of Dr. Pat Humphrey for dedicated service to Georgia Southern University: Moderator of the Faculty Senate 2014-2016." President Bartels also gave her flowers.

Closing

President Bartels noted how honored she had been to serve as Interim President, and noted that she would be returning to the position of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for a period of time. She also noted that the Provost's personal office is going to relocate to where Information Technology's VP Office is right now, on the first floor of Pittman, so the Provost's office floor can be stopped from tilting toward the abyss. She also noted that she would be having hip replacement surgery on June 23.

Moderator Humphrey stated the Senate's thanks to President Bartels for all she has done.

Provost's Report: (Diana Cone)

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On this day, we were having our second registration; the first session, the week before, went very well. She encouraged Senators to thank the advisors, who were working hard and well.

New Academic Building

On time and on schedule. The Deans of the two involved colleges have worked with the design team and brought in their folks who will have laboratories. Construction should start in January. To that end, Parking and Transportation has worked out a schedule so that faculty parking will still be available behind the building because that faculty parking that will be blocked by the construction zone will be compensated for by moving that lot's student parking to behind COE and the Wildlife Center.

COGS

We have moved a few people to do a few different assignments in the College of Graduate Studies. We have called in a few folks from the Library who will help with electronic theses and dissertations, and the CT2 staff will be doing more with notifying students about the graduate assistant training/TA training. Also, folks in the Provost's office are overseeing a lot of the operations. If anyone finds that something is not working satisfactorily, Provost Cone asked to be informed because they are trying to get a handle on what's working well and what needs improvement. For one thing, they had found that a number of processes have been done manually, unlike on the undergraduate side, so they were hoping to make things a little bit smoother and maybe a little bit more efficient and faster as the weeks go on.

Year-end Projects

The Writing Center will move to the main floor of the Library. Construction and remodeling of that has already started and should be finished by the end of summer Term B, and the Writing Center should be moved and ready for the start of the fall term. Re: swing space for those displaced by the new academic building is being renovated; some places in the Human Ecology building are being prepared so that interior design will have some laboratory and office space there, and also in the old Health Center.

Provost Cone noted that the Library depends heavily on year-end funding to renew subscriptions, and each year the cost of subscriptions goes up, and this year we are about \$1.2 million short to pay for those subscriptions. We have funded a little bit of that already with some year-end funds, but typically as projects are completed on campus and it comes in where it's a little bit less costly than anticipated, those funds get shifted to the Library. But Dean Mitchell will not know until we get to June 30th and we know what kind of funds we shift to him, if there are any subscriptions that we will not be able to renew. He will invite faculty and administrators of affected programs to give input into which ones to keep and which ones not to keep, though he is very concerned that this timeline gives little time for that input.

Richard Flynn (CLASS) noted that compared to other system schools, we underfund our library and said we need to change both the system and level of funding.

Ming Fang He (COE) expressed her concern about how COGS was functioning. President Bartels repeated her earlier comments on that subject.

Senate Executive Committee Report: (Patricia Humphrey [COSM], Chair.)

She simply noted that there was virtually nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Announcements: Vice Presidents

None.

Announcements from the Floor

None.

Adjournment

Moved and Approved.