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Submitted by Les Furr

1/23/2007

Motion:

I move that the Ad Hoc Committee for Student Evaluations be dissolved. Prior to the dissolution I suggest that all matters currently before the Ad Hoc committee be transferred to the Senate Welfare Committee for resolution.

Rationale:

Student evaluations, in their present form, are utilized by various University units in a manner that may be negatively affecting the general welfare of Georgia Southern University.

Response:

I am pleased to report that the Senate recommends approval of the motion below presented by Ron MacKinnon for Les Furr at the February 15, 2007, Faculty Senate meeting.

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Richard Flynn asked about the report of the Ad Hoc Committee for Student Evaluations. That report has been posted.

Humphrey announced three Requests for Agenda Items: One requested dissolution of the Ad Hoc committee on Student Evaluations and transfer of all matters currently before that committee to the Faculty Welfare Committee.

Motion, Dissolution of the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Evaluations,

Ron MacKinnon (CIT) for Leslie Furr (CHHS), Attachment: Senate Ad-Hoc Committee Minutes of April 24, 2006 Meeting: MacKinnon moved that the Ad Hoc Committee for Student Evaluations be dissolved. Prior to the dissolution, he suggested that all matters currently before the Ad Hoc Committee be transferred to the Faculty Welfare Committee for resolution. The motion was seconded.

Patricia Humphrey (COST), Senate Moderator, asked if there were any discussion.

David Robinson (CLASS) who was serving on the ad hoc committee, requested background information.

Patricia Humphrey (COST), Senate Moderator replied that, in November 2006, when the SEC met, members determined that oversight of student evaluations is in the purview of the Faculty Welfare Committee, which has not had to conduct much business for the last year-and-a-half or so. The ad hoc committee was formed for the primary purpose of investigating proposed on-line student evaluations. Apparently, on-line evaluations are no longer used. Members were also going to conduct focus group sessions on uses and understanding of the current instrument for student evaluations. No focus groups met. So, the ad hoc committee has served its purpose. The SEC would like to refer the matter to the standing committee that has student evaluations in its purview.

Patricia Humphrey (COST), Senate Moderator, asked if there were additional discussion. There was none. The motion was approved.
President's Response:

Following review of the recommendation adopted by the Faculty Senate at the February 15, 2007, Faculty Senate meeting, as provided in your memo of February 16, 2007, I have approved the motion below presented to the Senate by Dr. Ron MacKinnon for Dr. Les Furr.

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