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# Proposed Revisions to Educational Leave Policy 9-9-2005

Submitted by Linda Bleicken

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## **Motion:**

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Task Force appointed by Provost to review/revise Educational Leave Policy seeks comments from Faculty Senate

## **Rationale:**

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Following a request for information regarding Georgia Southern University's Educational Leave Policy by Professor Steven Damelin in October 2004, a task force was appointed by the provost to review the policy and submit recommendations for possible change. Task Force members included Dean Fred Whitt, Chair, Professor Steven Damelin, and Associate Provost Amy Heaston. The task force examined practices at other institutions and met with Deans' Council to gain insights regarding the implementation of proposed revisions to the policy. A draft revision of the Educational Leave Policy that has received the endorsement of Deans' Council is now presented to the Faculty Senate for comment.

## **Response:**

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### **Minutes for the 9/20/05 SEC Meeting**

7:30 am

The meeting began with discussion of the motion for comments from the Faculty Senate regarding the report of the task force appointed by the Provost to review and revise the Educational Leave Policy. Pat Humphrey stated that she would like to have the motion include a vote to approve or disapprove the revisions rather than a motion to discuss the policy revisions. The SEC would like to know why the words "enhancing teaching" are to be removed from the policy. The SEC noted that few people apply for leave and

that most faculty do not know the procedure for applying for leave. The SEC will talk to the Provost this afternoon about the motion.

There were no objections to the Agenda Items for the September 26<sup>th</sup> Faculty Senate Meeting.