

## **MOTION 6**

### **Title**

New GSU Senate Meeting Structure

### **Motion**

OWG 5-1 Faculty Governance recommends that the Senates work on a schedule of meetings of new Consolidated Senate, beginning AY 2018-19, including meeting locations and setting up any technology necessary to ensure inclusive participation among the campuses.

The SEC moves to accept the recommendation of OWG 5-1 for a consolidated faculty senate meeting arrangement for the new GSU.

### **Rationale**

The OWG 5-1 recognizes that scheduling of meetings and other technological or logistical matters are best performed by those directly involved, and as such the OWG presented to the SEC a possible approach to consolidating senate meetings. The OWG suggested the possibility of a hybrid meeting approach (video conferencing and alternate locations) to efficiently facilitate the Statesboro, Savannah, and Liberty campuses, as viable meeting arrangement for the new GSU institution.

The SEC agrees that faculty senate meetings can use both face to face meetings and video conference technology to conduct university business. It is possible to have two large face to face faculty senate meetings, one at the Savannah campus and one at the Statesboro campus per academic year. The face to face meetings will be useful to receive reports from university leadership and work through common issues within our colleges and campus concerns. Additionally, we can conduct five meetings where campus representatives will meet as a group on their local campus and the groups will manage the senate meetings via video conference (i.e. the Armstrong campus faculty senate members will connect with the Statesboro faculty senate members via WebEx -- or other video conferencing platform and we will conduct one meeting using the conference streaming technology). The rationale for considering a variety of meeting forums is to reduce travel, decrease cost, increase convenience and safety yet foster participation from a unified faculty senate although we are physically in different locations. By using a hybrid approach the GSU senate can continue to conduct one meeting to address faculty issues and university concerns.

### **Possible schedule 2018-2019**

*September (LARGE GROUP F2F Statesboro Campus meeting)*

October (Senate members at both campuses meet at the local campus and conduct meeting via video conference as one large group meeting)

November (Senate members at both campuses meet at the local campus and conduct meeting via video conference as one large group meeting)

*February (LARGE GROUP F2F Savannah Campus meeting)*

March (Senate members at both campuses meet at the local campus and conduct meeting via video conference as one large group meeting)

April (Senate members at both campuses meet at the local campus and conduct meeting via video conference as one large group meeting)

Summer May or June (Senate members at both campuses meet at the local campus and conduct meeting video conference as one large group meeting)