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TO: Dr. Rob Pirro, Chair, Senate Executive Committee
FROM: Jaimie Hebert, Ph.D., President 
DATE: February 12, 2018
SUBJECT: February 7, 2018, Faculty Senate Recommendation: **New GSU Senate Meeting Structure**

Following review of the recommendation adopted by the Faculty Senate at the February 7, 2018, Faculty Senate meeting, as provided in your memo of February 8, 2018, I have approved the motion below presented to the Senate.

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

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c: Diana Cone
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Attachment: Senate Meeting Structure Motion 6 11-2-2017

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TO: Dr. Jaimie Hebert, President

FROM: Dr. Diana Cone 
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: February 8, 2018

SUBJECT: February 7, 2018, Faculty Senate Recommendation:
New Georgia Southern Senate Meeting Structure

I endorse the Senate's recommendation presented at the February 7, 2018, Faculty Senate meeting and recommend for your approval of the New Georgia Southern Senate Meeting Structure

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FROM: Dr. Rob Pirro, Chair, Senate Executive Committee

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