

Middle Georgia State University Faculty Senate AY 2015–2016
Meeting #4 TEB 231, Macon Campus
Friday, December 4th, 2015

Present:

Mr. Charlie Agnew, Associate Professor of Art*
Dr. Charla Baker, Associate Professor of Mathematics
Dr. Martiza Bell-Corrales, Associate Professor of Spanish
Dr. Gaston Brouwer, Associate Professor of Mathematics
Dr. Robert Burnham, Professor of History
Dr. Jeffrey Burne, Professor of Biology
Dr. Sharon Colley, Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate, Associate Professor of English
Ms. Paige Crump, Associate Professor of Spanish#
Dr. Lorraine Dubuisson, Associate Professor of English
Dr. Javan Frazier, Associate Professor of History
Dr. Greg George, Associate Professor of Economics
Dr. Michael Gibbons, Assistant Professor of Sociology
Dr. Lawanda Greene, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Mr. Michael Hammock, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Ms. Felicia Haywood, Assistant Director of the Library
Ms. Lisa Henry, Assistant Professor of Air Traffic Management
Dr. Myungjae Kwak, Assistant Professor of Information Technology
Ms. Sandra Monk, Assistant Professor Nursing.
Dr. Benita Muth, Associate Professor of English
Dr. Anthony Narsing, Associate Professor of Management
Dr. John Pattillo, Recorder of the Faculty Senate, Associate Professor of Biology
Mr. William Perry Brown, Lecturer of Aircraft Structural Technology
Dr. Chip Rogers, Vice-Chair of the Faculty Senate, Associate Professor of English
Ms. Judith Schmitt, Instructor of English†
Dr. Randy Spaid, Professor of Education
Mr. Stephan Steckowski, Assistant Professor of Aircraft Maintenance\$
Mr. Kirby Swenson, Assistant Professor of Biology*
Dr. Darcy Sun, Assistant Professor of Health Services Administration
Ms. Kathy Wilcox, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Absent/Excused:

Dr. Patrick Brennan, Chair of the Faculty Senate, Professor of English
Ms. Sydney Chalfa, Associate Professor of Theatre and Communications
Mr. Gary Hermsmeir, Student Government Association (ex-officio)

Guests:

Dr. Deepa Arora, Assistant Provost for Academic Affairs*
Dr. Pamela Bedwell, Assistant Provost for Academic Affairs

Dr. Christopher Blake, President of Middle Georgia State University
Ms. Amy Bryant, Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy Assistant*
Dr. Kevin Cantwell, Interim Dean of Graduate Studies
Dr. Kevin Floyd, Program Chair and Associate Professor of Information Technology
Dr. David Fuller, Dean, School of Education
Dr. Al Harmon, Chair of Science of Atlanta Metropolitan College
Dr. Sheree Keith, Associate Professor of Communication Studies, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee
Dr. Alex Koochang, Dean of the School of Information Technology
Dr. Debra Matthews, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies
Dr. Anthony Patti, Associate Dean of the School of Business
Dr. Mary Wearn, Assistant Provost for Academic Planning and Policy
Dr. Ron Williams, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

** attended by videoconference from the Cochran campus*

† attended by videoconference from the Warner Robins campus

Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, and Agenda

Dr. Rogers called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He recognized that a quorum was present and reminded Senators of the rules of order.

Dr. Rogers then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6th meeting. Dr. Pattillo noted that Dr. Muth had been incorrectly counted as absent in the minutes of the November 6th meeting, and that this error would be corrected. Dr. Pattillo made the motion and Mr. Swenson seconded. The corrected November 6th minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Dr. Rogers then called for a motion to approve the agenda. He announced that a change was needed to the previously distributed agenda, noting that Dean Williams would speak in place of Provost Venn during the discussion of new business. Dr. Spaid made the motion and Dr. Frazier seconded. The modified agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Report from President Blake

Dr. Rogers introduced President Blake. President Blake welcomed Dr. Al Harmon, the Chair of Science of Atlanta Metropolitan College, who is shadowing Dr. Blake as part of the USG executive leadership program. Dr. Blake announced that he and Provost Venn will be traveling to the SACS annual meeting in Texas where SACS will vote on our Master of Science degrees in IT and Nursing. President Blake then reviewed the recent changes in administrative structure intended to support increased enrollment, and he reported positive trends in the Spring 2016 enrollment and Fall 2016 applications. President Blake further reported that the MGA Foundation would soon be presenting the results of a feasibility study of a new

fundraising campaign. Finally, Dr. Blake reminded senators of the upcoming holiday breakfasts to be held at the Macon and Cochran campuses. President Blake then took questions from the Senate.

Reports from Standing Committees:

Dr. Rogers then introduced Dr. Keith to report from the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC). Dr. Keith briefly updated the Senate on the activities of the AAC. Three proposals were submitted for Senate approval. Dr. Titus and Dr. Patti assisted Dr. Keith in presenting the proposals.

1. P-ITEC-05-AA-2015-2016, a new track with a cybersecurity concentration. Dr. Rogers asked for a motion to bring the proposal forward for discussion. Dr. Gibbons made the motion. Hearing no discussion, Dr. Rogers called for a motion to approval P-ITEC-05-AA-2015-2016 was approved with twenty-six in favor and none opposed by show of hands.

2. M-P-BUSA-01-AA-2015-2016, a Masters of Science degree in Management. Dr. Keith introduced Dr. Patti to present the proposal to the Senate. Dr. Rogers called for a motion to bring the proposal forward for discussion. Dr. Pattillo made the motion. The Senate engaged in substantial discussion of the proposal, with discussion mostly revolving around the absence of financial information in the proposal. Dr. Cantwell and Dr. Wearn assisted in answering questions during the discussion. Dr. Wearn reminded the senators that the Senate does not have jurisdiction over financial matters. President Blake agreed with Dr. Wearn, but stated that he felt it was appropriate for members of the Senate to be concerned about the budget of new programs, and that the financial information regarding the new programs be disclosed in the interest of transparency. President Blake stated he would make sure that he would present information about the finances of the new programs before they were submitted to the USG. Dr. Cantwell and Dr. Patti then answered further questions from the Senate. Following discussion, Dr. Rogers called for a vote to approve the proposal. M-P-BUSA-01-AA-2015-2016 was approved with twenty-two in favor and none opposed by show of hands.

3. M-P-EDUC-01-AA-2015-2016, a Masters of Arts degree in Secondary Education with initial teacher certification. Dr. Rogers called for a motion to bring the proposal forward for discussion. Dr. Frazier made the motion. Dr. Keith introduced Dr. Fuller to present the proposal. President Blake announced that the Bibb County School District intends to endorse this program once it is implemented. Dr. Fuller then took questions from the Senate. Dr. Spaid assisted Dr. Fuller in answering questions from Senators. Following discussion, Dr. Rogers called for a motion to approve the proposal. M-P-EDUC-01-AA-2015-2016 was approved with twenty-five in favor and none opposed by show of hands.

4. M-PY-EDUC-01-AA-2015-2016, a set of admissions policies for the Masters of Education degree in Secondary Education with initial teacher certification. Dr.

Rogers asked for a motion to bring the proposal forward for discussion. Dr. Frazier made the motion. Dr. Rogers then asked Dr. Fuller to present the proposal. Hearing no discussion, Dr. Rogers asked for a vote to approve the proposal. M-PY-EDUC-01-AA-2015-2016 was approved with twenty-four in favor and none opposed by show of hands.

Dr. Rogers then introduced Mr. Wallace to report from the Executive Committee (EC). Mr. Wallace briefly updated the Senate on the activity of the EC. Dr. Wallace then submitted two proposals for Senate approval.

The first was a proposal to stagger standing committee elections by school and department to assure that experienced members would always be present on these committees. Dr. Rogers called for a motion to discuss the proposal. Dr. Muth made the motion. Hearing no discussion, Dr. Rogers called for a vote to approve the proposal. The proposal to stagger standing committee elections was approved with twenty-three in favor and none opposed by show of hands.

The second was a proposal to stagger Faculty Senate elections by school and department so that these elections would be aligned with standing committee elections. Dr. Rogers called for a motion to bring the proposal forward. Dr. Pattillo made the motion. Following discussion, Dr. Rogers called for vote to approve the proposal. The proposal to stagger Faculty Senate elections was approved with twenty-five in favor and none opposed by show of hands.

Finally, Mr. Wallace discussed the schedule for upcoming elections and answered further questions from the Senate

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business

New Business:

Dr. Rogers then introduced Dean Williams to present the MGA LEAP campus resolution. Dr. Rogers asked for a motion to bring the resolution forward for discussion. Dr. Sun made the motion and Dr. Frazier seconded. Dean Williams asked the Senate officially to approve a resolution giving support for MGA to join with other USG institutions in seeking LEAP (Liberal Education and America's Promise) designation for the American Association of Colleges and Universities. Following discussion, Dr. Rogers asked for a vote to approve the resolution. The resolution was approved with twenty-one in favor and none opposed by show of hands.

Dr. Rogers then introduced Ms. Hogan to present the Summer and Fall 2015 MGA graduates for approval. Dr. Rogers asked for a motion to bring the motion for approval to the floor. Dr. Narsing made the motion and Dr. Frazier seconded.

Following Ms. Hogan's presentation. Dr. Rogers called for a vote to approve the graduates. The Summer 2015 and Fall 2015 graduates were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Questions and Announcements:

Dr. Rogers reminded Senators that there will two scheduled Senate meetings in February, One in April, and one in May.

Dr. Rogers asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Frazier made the motion and Dr. Pattillo seconded. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. John Pattillo, Recorder