

**Middle Georgia State University Faculty Senate AY 2022-2023  
Meeting #3**

Mr. Chris Smith, Assistant Professor of Nursing  
Mr. Adam Young, Associate Professor of English

**Guests:**

Dr. Deepa Arora, Associate Provost, Professor of Biology  
Dr. David Biek, Dean, School of Education & Behavioral Sciences  
Dr. Loretta Clayton, Dean of Graduate Studies, Professor of English & Interdisciplinary Studies  
Mr. Jon Coder, Audio Visual Coordinator  
Dr. Paul Gladden, Department Chair and Professor of Psychology  
Dr. Chris Hill, Associate Professor of Mathematics  
Dr. Alex Koohang, Dean of the School of Computing, Professor of Information Technology, Peyton Anderson Endowed Chair  
Dr. Christopher Lawrence, Chair and Associate Professor of Political Science  
Dr. Marc Miller, Dean, School of Business  
Dr. Monica Miller, Assistant Professor of English  
Dr. Benita Muth, Chair, Department of English  
Dr. Rod McRae, Assistant Provost, Faculty Development  
Dr. Andrew Reeves, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, Associate Professor of History  
Mr. Chris Tsavatewa, Director of Institutional Effectiveness  
Dr. Mary Wearn, Dean of the School of Arts & Letters, Professor of English  
Dr. Steven Wallace, Chair of the Executive Committee, Associate Professor of Mathematics

**Agenda**

The October 7 minutes were approved electronically on October 20.

Dr. Dubuisson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Taylor moved; Mr. Agnew seconded. The agenda was approved without objection.

**Report from President Blake**

Dr. Blake expressed his appreciation to the Senators that met with Chancellor Perdue as a part of President Blake's evaluation. The Chancellor was well pleased with the work of the University as a whole.

Dr. Stephen Schultheis, Vice President for Enrollment Management, recently hosted the second annual Enrollment Summit. Even though the Summit has passed there are still ways to contribute. President Blake encouraged Senators to participate and engage.

Provost Jenks will be discussing the work he and the deans conducted regarding faculty workloads. President Blake assured the Senate that he and Provost Jenks have reviewed the faculty workload guidelines.

Dr. Jennifer Brannon, Vice President for Student Affairs, will speak to the Senate at a future meeting about the possibility of transitioning MGA from the National Associate of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (



success is evaluated for lecturers based only on teaching.

The new PTPTR evaluation metric should be completed by 2023. It will be used for 2024 evaluations.

The Executive Committee will update us regarding committee charges at our next meeting.

Dr. Dubuisson met with Dr. McRae about moving faculty mentoring forward.

At a future meeting, we need to revisit/reword the motion Dr. Pattillo made recently about selecting representation for the Faculty Council. The timing for electing our representative may need to be amended.

### **Report on Campus Stores**

## Report on Exam Schedules

Dr. Taylor explained the problems associated with grading final exams and submitting final grades. The last scheduled final exam is typically less than 24 hours, this semester it is less than 16 hours before final grades are due. This means that faculty must grade their final exams, recalculate averages, and submit final grades less than 16 hours after administering their last exam. Provost Jenks reached out to Dr. Taylor about these problems. Dr. Jenks thinks we can find an administrative solution to these problems. Dr. O'Leary-Davidson asked about the history of why/how this exists. Dr. Taylor replied that nobody knows. Dr. Taylor expressed his gratitude to Dr. Jenks for reaching out about these problems. He believes an administrative solution is workable, especially temporarily, but he is also concerned that this practice needs to be changed so that it is policy. Dr. Taylor spoke with Dr. Wallace about the role and/or authority of the Faculty Affairs Committee to address the final exam schedule. Dr. Wallace suggested that it would be agreeable to put an administrative solution in place and then address the problem in committee. Dr. Taylor is scheduled to address the Executive Committee next week. Dr. Taylor asked that Senators contact him by/before November 10 with suggestions regarding the final exam schedule. Dr. Taylor motioned to suspend the rules to allow Dean Wearn to speak. Dr. Pattillo seconded Dr. Taylor's motion. Dr. Wearn mentioned that the Calendar Committee needs to be consulted about this matter. There are many, many complexities associated with creating semester calendars. She also mentioned that the Registrar is on the Calendar Committee. Dr. O'Leary-Davidson agreed that the Registrar needs to be included in our potential solutions.

Dr. Dubuisson affirmed her commitment to tracking and completing our work. She noted that tracking and finalizing is her responsibility along with the Governance Historian. Documentation among committees/groups, especially transition documents, are critical to ensuring that our action items are completed. O Tfw -881.15 Td{ar}3 (.7D)2 (uAons)-carsnssO Tfwd{. S)-4 (47Tc -0.002 Tw- (4

Dr. Taylor moved to approve the proposals. Dr. Matson seconded. The proposals were approved unanimously.

### **2023 Interdisciplinary Conference**

Dean Wearn and Dr. Miller

want a “student” to serve on the student vetting taskforce. This proposal was approved without objection.

### **Adjournment**

Dr. Dubuisson asked for questions or announcements. There were none. Dr. Taylor moved to adjourn.

Submitted by Ms. Lambert, Recorder.