

Middle Georgia State University Faculty Senate AY 20222023  
Meeting #5  
Macon Campus, TEB 368 and Microsoft Teams  
Friday, February 3, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

Present:

'U \$QJHOD 'HQLVH \$GDPV \$VVLVWDQW 3URIHVVRU RI 1XUV  
Mr. Charlie Agnew, Professor RI \$UW x

0U 5H[ \$QGUHZV \$VVLVWDQW 3URIHVVRU RI \$YLDWLRQ 6FL  
Dr. Ervin Briones, Associate Professor of Psychology

'U .DWKOHHQ %XUW \$VVRFLDWH 3URIHVVRU RI (QJOLVKx  
'U :LOOLDP \*DU\ &ROH \$VVLVWDQW 3URIHVVRU RI (GXFDWI

Mr. Adam &UDLJ /HFWXUHU RI \$YLDWLRQ 0DLQWHQDQFH DQG 6  
0V 9DQHVVD 3DLJH &UXPS \$VVRFLDWH 3URIHVVRU RI 6SD

'U 6KDQQRQ 'DO\ \$VVLVWDQW 3URIHVVRU RI 1XUVLQJx  
Mr. Andy Davidson, Assistant Professor of English

Dr. Lorraine Dubuisson, Chair of the Faculty Senate, Associate Professor of English

Ms. Tabitha Floyd, Assistant Professor of Accounting & Finance

Dr. Greg George, Associate Professor of Economics

Ms. Nancy Guyse, Assistant Professor of Respiratory Therapy

Dr. John Hall, Associate Professor of Political Science

Mr. Michael Hammock, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Dr. Joshua Harrelson, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Dr. Scott Hinze, Assistant Professor of Psychology

Dr. Renat Khatmullin, Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate, Associate Professor of Chemistry

Ms. Tamatha Lambert, Recorder of the Faculty Senate, Director of Library Services

Dr. Rebecca Lanning, Professor of Music

Dr. Kembley Lingelbach, Assistant Professor of Information Technology

Dr. Charles Matson, Professor of Respiratory Therapy

Dr. Sharon Mozley Standridge, Associate Professor of Biology

Dr. John Murphy, Professor of English

Dr. Crystal O'Leary Davidson, Professor of English

Dr. John Pattillo, Professor of Biology

Mr. Chris Smith, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Dr. Alan Stines, Assistant Professor of Information Technology

Dr. Kara Svonavec, Senior Lecturer of History

Dr. Stephen Taylor, Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate, Professor of History

Mr. Adam Young, Associate Professor of English

Absent:

Ms. Joyce Hollins, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Mr. William "Dusty" Lowery, Associate Professor of Aviation Maintenance and Structural  
Technology

## Guests:

Dr. Deepa Arora, Associate Provost, Professor of Biology  
Dr. David Biek, Dean of the School of Education & Behavioral Sciences,  
Dr. James Blackburn, Associate Provost of Academic Innovation  
Dr. Loretta Clayton, Dean of Graduate Studies, Professor of English & Interdisciplinary Studies  
Dr. Alex Koohang, Dean of the School of Computing, Professor of Information Technology,  
Peyton Anderson Endowed Chair  
Dr. Rod McRae, Assistant Provost, Faculty Development  
Dr. Marc Miller, Dean, School of Business  
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

Dr. Dubuisson asked for a motion to amend the agenda to wear in a new Senator Dr. Taylor moved; Dr. Stines seconded. The agenda was amended without objection. Prayers administered the Senate oath to Dr. Kembley Lingelbach, Assistant Professor of Information Technology

Dr. Dubuisson mentioned that the November minutes were approved electronically on December 2.

## Report from President Blake

Dr. Blake a

mental health coaches

The Faculty Handbook has been updated to reflect the recent changes associated with PTPTR. The Schools are in the process of aligning their practices with the new PTPTR policies

Dr. Taylor asked about any updates regarding the final exam schedule. Dr. Jenks admitted to underestimating the complexities associated with creating a master schedule. He suggests we revisit this topic by meeting with the Calendar Committee after the new registrar is hired. Dr. Dubuisson asked if an announcement could be made stating that the Registrar no longer has the interim Registrar.

Dr. Pattillo asked if we will receive more information about PTPTR once the schools have completed their alignments with the new policies. Dr. Jenks responded yes. The schools are supposed to complete their alignments by/before the end of this semester. Dr. Jenks reiterated that this year's evaluation is based on the old PTPTR guidelines. Dr. Pattillo expressed concern about faculty not knowing that they are currently teaching under the new guidelines. Dr. Jenks mentioned that he will speak with the deans about this. Dr. Underwood mentioned that the deans received extensive training last week about the new PTPTR policies, specifically the changes focused on student success.

Lastly, Dr. Jenks reminded senators to complete their cybersecurity training if they have not already done so.

#### Report from Senate Chair

Dr. Dubuisson started her report by apologizing to the Senate for not including the bookstore staff stakeholders when we discussed concerns related to the bookstore recently. Dr. Dubuisson apologized to Cassandra Werden, Textbook Coordinator, personally. Dr. Dubuisson will be mindful to consult with all stakeholders in the future.

Dr. Dubuisson thanked Ms. Jennifer Jones, Academic Affairs Coordinator, for her assistance with editing and uploading the new PTPTR guidelines into the Faculty Handbook. Dr. Dubuisson attended the training that Dr. Underwood mentioned earlier. Dr. Dubuisson mentioned that there has been lots of anxiety about the new policies.

Food and personal hygiene donations are accepted in Welsh Hall in Cochran or in room 277 in the SLC in Macon. We put

- g. Aviation Maintenance Technology (A.A.S.A.M.T) (program modification) – Dr. Khatmullin moved to discuss the modification; Dr. Hall seconded. The modification passed unanimously.
- h. AA in Art (program modification)– Mr. Agnew moved to discuss the program modification; Dr. Taylor seconded. The modification passed unanimously.
- i. Music Production Minor (new program) – Dr. Stines moved to discuss the new program; Dr. Khatmullin seconded. The new program passed unanimously.
- j. Minor in Social Work (new program) – Dr. Leary-Davidson moved to discuss the new program; Dr. Stines seconded. The new program passed unanimously.

### Withdrawal Policy

Dr. Lanning shared the Course Withdrawal Policy Information included in Dr. Dubuisson's January 27 email. The document compares withdrawal policies from other USG colleges and universities. Dr. Lanning noted that our policy of allowing students to have five course withdrawals without penalty is not consistent with other schools in the USG. Most other schools do not have a threshold policy to punish students for withdrawal. MGA has one of the most restrictive policies in the USG and we make no exception for a one credit course withdrawal or a three/four credit course withdrawal. Dr. Pattillo suggested it is worth revisiting why we originally put this policy into place. Dr. Jenks noted this policy is about Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) impacting financial aid. Dr. Taylor remembers the policy being created originally because of the scarcity of seats in certain courses, specifically AP 1 and 2 because those courses had/have high "retake" rates as intended to make room for students that were likely to pass on their first attempt. Dr. Dubuisson asked Dr. Wallace what committee might best address this topic. Dr. Jenks suggested that whatever committee addresses the topic they should conduct a comprehensive review in consultation with Dr. Schultheis, VP of Enrollment Management, and the Director of Financial Aids so that our policy does not negatively impact SAP and/or financial aid. Ms. Lambert mentioned that the Director of Financial Aid position is currently vacant. Dr. Taylor suggested that we might create an ad hoc committee to address this topic. Dr. Lanning asked that if we change the policy, it should be in effect by the next catalog of fall semester. Dr. Jenks mentioned that Academic Affairs could create a group and bring suggestions back to the Senate. Dr. Taylor moved to create an ad hoc committee of administrators to bring suggestions back to the Senate. Dr. Stines seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Election of Senate Chair

Dr. Taylor nominated Dr. Dubuisson as the Senate Chair. Dr. Dubuisson accepted the nomination. No other nominations were received. Dr. Taylor moved to close the nomination; Dr.

Pattillo seconded Dr. Taylor's nomination passed unanimously. Congratulate Dr. Dubuisson.