

Minutes of the May 11, 2017, Stated Meeting of the
East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

The EGSC Faculty Senate (FS) met in the George L. Smith Conference Room on the Swainsboro Campus and by polycom to Statesboro. President Lena White called the meeting to order at 1:47 p.m.

In attendance were FS President Lena White, senators Reid Derr, Damon Andrews, Shawna Williams, and newly elected Humanities senators, Drs. Ren Denton and Beaux Boudreaux. Absent were Drs. Walt Mason and Breana Simmons.

Attending as guests were Dr. Tim Goodman, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Tracy Woods of Human Resources.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to adopt the April 21, 2017 minutes as written.

MSA to amend the agenda to put issues brought by Dr. Goodman as item number 4 under New Business.

There were no committee reports or unfinished business, so the FS moved immediately to New Business.

New Business:

1. FS discussed with and asked questions of HR Representative Tracy Woods about the mandatory training modules which faculty and staff must complete on D2L every school year. The upshot of the discussion was that these seventeen training modules are required by a mixture of federal and state laws, Board of Regents policy, and Georgia's Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) mandates. However, HR is open to suggestions on how to complete these training modules in a way and at times more suitable for faculty and staff. Informally we agreed to make some proposals by June so that HR could work with Dr. Dee McKinney, who is responsible for Faculty Orientation, to get this training done.
2. Reid Derr presented as information some material he found on Professional Liability Insurance. He will report back as he finds out more. Dr. Goodman suggested finding out the extent of Board of Regents legal coverage as part of this effort.
3. Election of FS officers for 2017-2018.
 - a. MSA to elect Ren Denton as secretary for the next academic year.
 - b. MSA to reelect Reid Derr as vice president and parliamentarian for the next academic year.
 - c. MSA to reelect Lena White as president for the coming year.

4. Dr. Goodman discussed the Board of Regents' requirement that EGSC draft written Academic Advising Plans by Fall of 2017 for both regular students and athletes. He explained some of the issues involved but stressed that the new plans would basically be written versions of what we already do in student advising. He asked that we review the proposed Academic Advisement Plan and Athletic Advisement Plan in June so it could be formally presented by July 1. FS agreed to review the plans at its upcoming June 16 meeting.

5. MSA to meet on Friday, June 16, 2017, at 10 a.m. by polycom.

MSA to adjourn at 2:50 p.m.