Faculty Senate Meeting

August 11, 2014

Prillaman Hall 1105

3:30-4:45 p.m.

**AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes**

1. **Elections**. The following positions need to be filled for the 14/15 academic year. These officers become members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) and will be expected to also attend FSEC meetings in addition to meetings called by other shared governance bodies.

**OFFICE NOMINEE(S) Previous (2013/14)Officer**

Vice-President/President-elect Humayun Zafar Cindy Bowers  
Secretary Doug Moodie Chris Dockery  
Administrators Senate Liaison Humayun Zafar  
Student Government Liaison Christine Ziegler  
Chairs Council Liaison Dick Gayler

Faculty Handbook Committee (to be filled from FSEC) Christine Ziegler

Staff Senate Liaison Doug Moodie

PTFC Liaison

**Current officers elected last year are:**

President Cindy Bowers

PTFC President Yvonne Wichman

Past FS President Ken White

We also need a Senator to serve on the Policy Process Council.

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We also need a faculty member to serve on Tobacco Free Campus Implementation Committee.

NOMINEE(S)

If you are interested in serving, please feel free to contact the previous year’s officer or Cindy Bowers ([cbowers@kennesaw.edu](mailto:cbowers@kennesaw.edu)) for more information on the requirements of the position. Your commitment will be for one year only.

1. **Incomplete Business from last year’s Senate.**

* **eCore:** Despite rejection by both KSU and SPSU faculty, BoR has determined that all USG units will participate in eCore. A number of questions remain. The questions fall into two categories:

1. Questions about rigor and quality:

* Success rates for eCore students.
* Need for quality/rigor guarantees from eCore;
* Specific data regarding both eCore course completions and also eCore Complete College Georgia data.
* How many students taking eCore complete college in Georgia?
* How do we measure quality of eCore courses?

1. Questions regarding implementation and full participation by all USG institutions:

* Senate requests clarification of the following language from OWG 24 Approved Recommendations:

“Recommends that, given the strong preference of the USG that all institutions either become **affiliated with e-Core or make e-Core courses visible in their Banne**r enrollment systems **once upcoming System-wide decisions regarding eCore are finalized**, the consolidated university will both work with the System Office and other USG institutions to make e-Core the best possible technology-enhanced education program it can be and participate fully in the program.”

1. What is the difference between “affiliated with eCore” and making “eCore courses available in Banner“—is such an option still available to KSU/SPSU?
2. Do we have any final dates when “upcoming System –wide decisions regarding eCore are finalized” from OWG 24? And will Senates (KSU and SPSU) have input and an advisory role?
3. Will “all institutions” include UGA, GaTech, and GSU and what will be the degree of their participation?

* OWGs 68, 69, 70 covering shared governance. Update: Provost Harmon

1. New items/Informational Items

* VoiP—information on the new phone system. (**Cheryl Hassman**) 10 min.
* State DoA rules on driving on behalf of KSU and employee certification: **Janet Nash**, Office of Strategic Security and Safety. 10 min.
* RFID decals: Question was posed regarding type of information emitting from new RFID stickers and possible invasions of privacy: Douglas J. Gilliland at Parking responds:

“The new RFID technology uses a radio frequency and will be similar to technology we currently use for the hangtags.  The only information that will be read through the system on the RFID will be for access purposes.  This being said the RFID will confirm that the decal is valid for that specific parking area on campus.”

* Digital Measures and Course Evaluations. Faculty is concerned about the “weight” given to student evaluations in light of the very poor response rates/lack of representative sample to properly evaluate the course. FSEC will be looking into policy language and “weights.”
* Other issues: the following items are still under consideration though they were discussed in last year’s Senate:
* Web accessibility and reasonable accommodations and required syllabus language
* Social media and recording of classes by students and required syllabus language
* Weblink for all required syllabus language to be placed in syllabuses rather than all the separate policies; need to set up weblink
* PTFC changes on titles and terms for Handbook
* Office hours—f2f or virtual—number of hours?
* External letters for T&P; there is a meeting with Dr. Papp 8/12 to discuss implementation and also eCore; two letters are in the language from 5/5 Senate meeting

1. Other matters as arising.