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Attendance		
Department/Constituency/Liaison	Name	Present
Visitors		
University Library	Amy Gratz	
University Library	Cheryl Stiles	
University Library	Elisabeth Shields	
CCSE / IT	Susan Vande Ven	
Communication	Laura Beth Daws	
Electrical Engineering	Sumit Chakravarty	
Electrical & Computer Engineering Technology	Jeff Wagner	
Liaisons		
Administrators Council	Chris Hutt	
Chairs and Directors Assembly	Dawn Baunach	
Deans Council	Kathy Schwaig	
Part-time Faculty Council		
Staff Senate	Chris Beam	
Student Government Association		
Ex-officio		
President	Sam Olens	
Provost and VPAA	Ken Harmon	
Assoc. V President for Faculty	Ron Matson	
Assoc. V President for Enrollment Services	Kim West	
Senators		
Accounting	Cristen Dutcher	
Architecture	Kathryn Bedette	
Art & Design	Craig Brasco	
Chemistry & Biochemistry	Michael Van Dyke	
Civil Engineering	Metin Oguzmert	
Construction Engineering Technology	Matthew Wilson	
Communication	Carolyn Carlson	Proxy
Computer Science	Alan Shaw	
Construction Management	Charner Rodgers	
Culinary Sustainability & Hospitality	Jonathan Brown	
Dance	McCree O'Kelley	

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Digital Writing and Media Arts	Uttam Kokil	
Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology	Joe Dirnbeger	
Economics, Finance & Quantitative Analysis	Luc Noiset	
Education Leadership	Nic Clegorne	
Elementary & Early Childhood Education	Scott Ritchie	
Electrical Engineering	Yusun Chang	Proxy
Electrical & Computer Engineering Technology	Pam Frinzi	Proxy
English	Jeanne Bohannon	
Exercise Science/Sports Mgt.	Laurie Tis	
First-Year and Transitional Studies	Richard Mosholder	
Foreign Languages	Federica Santini	
Geography & Anthropology	Debrati Sen	
Health Promotion and Physical Education	Peter St. Pierre	
History & Philosophy	Marianne Holdzkom	
Honors College	Katherine Kinnick	
Inclusive Education	Joya Carter-Hicks	
Information Systems	Humayun Zafar	
Information Technology	Ming Yang	Proxy
Instructional Technology	Julia Fuller	
Interdisciplinary Studies	May Gao	
Leadership & Integrative Studies	Jennifer Purcell	Proxy
Library, University	Barbara Wood	
Management & Entrepreneurship	Doug Moodie	
Marketing & Professional Sales	Sandra Pierquet	
Mathematics	Josip Derado	
Mechanical Engineering	Mohammed S. Mayeed	
Mechanical Engineering Technology	Randy Emert	
Mechatronics	Ying Wang	
Molecular & Cellular Biology	Jerald Hendrix	
Music	Jana Young	
Nursing	Jane Brannan	
Physics	Russell Patrick	

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Political Science & International Affairs	Ken White	
Psychology	Roxanne Donovan	
Secondary & Middle Grades Education	Bryan Gillis	
Social Work & Human Services	Vanessa Robinson-Dooley	
Sociology & Criminal Justice	Tanja Link	
Software Engineering & Game Development	Paola Spoletini	
Statistics & Analytical Sciences	Josip Derado	
Systems & Industrial Engineering	Robert Keyser	
Theatre, Performance Studies & Dance	Jim Davis	

Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:30pm on March 20, 2017.

Old Business

1. Dissatisfaction with Faculty Senate: Membership resolution – Marianne Holdzkom.
 - a. This item was untabled after reaching quorum.
 - b. Dr. Holdzkom reintroduced the motion from January 30, 2017.
 - c. Discussion points by faculty senators:
 - i. A point was made to agree with the motion and the statement was made that it is hard for faculty to speak up and that the FS would be a stronger if all senators had tenure.
 - ii. The comment was made by a junior faculty member that tenure track faculty should continue to have a voice in shared governance.
 - iii. It was noted that not allowing junior faculty to be eligible to serve as senators would be detrimental to both junior faculty and departments and that some departments have only a few tenured faculty who would be required to serve indefinitely.
 - iv. Another senator noted that he represents a department that currently has no tenured faculty. In this case, the next person to gain tenure would automatically become the senator without a vote by the department.
 - v. The point was made that department faculty should be left free to choose their own representation.

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- vi. The next comment was to draw attention to first sentence of the resolution. The senator noted that the motion is about that statement and would sacrifice junior faculty representation just to make that statement.
 - vii. The point was made that within a department, faculty know who will be a good representative; It was also noted that this motion began in the CDA and then came to the FS and that one shared governance body should not interfere with the other.
 - viii. Another senator commented that it should be up to the department to determine who should serve.
 - ix. Another senator noted that it should be up to each department to decide its representation and that all departments are different and have different circumstances.
 - x. The comment was made that there are two problems—a historically weak body on one hand and tenure-track faculty want to be represented on the other. Is there another way to resolve both?
 - xi. The point was made that if the senate were to fix percentages, then we would force some departments to make a different decision than they might choose.
 - xii. The question was asked what we are trying to protect and whether this motion was coming from junior or senior faculty.
 - xiii. Dr. Holdzkom replied that the motion was coming from senior faculty members.
 - xiv. The question was asked for the motioner to confirm that no caveats will be accepted and that the motion stands as-is.
 - xv. Dr. Holdzkom replied that yes, no changes will be accepted.
 - xvi. Dr. Zafar noted that, by policy, what we do is non-binding and is a recommendation to the president of the university. Our institution is one of the few that does not have the university president presiding over the faculty senate.
 - xvii. Dr. White, Parliamentarian, noted that this is a resolution to ourselves as faculty senate and is not a motion to make actual changes.
- d. Motion: A motion was made to call the question.
- i. Seconded, passed.
2. **Vote:** Dr. Humayun Zafar called for a vote on the pending motion.
- a. Motion not passed.

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Current Business

1. **Motion.** A motion was made to approve the February 2017 meeting minutes.
 - a. Seconded and passed.
2. University Seal Design.
 - a. Dr. Zafar opened discussion on the design of a new university seal for the consolidated university.
3. Parking Concerns
 - a. Aaron Fowler presented upcoming changes to university parking as follows:
 - i. Starting this summer, KSU will begin direct administration of parking and will provide a higher level of service.
 - ii. 100 parking spaces will be added on the Marietta Campus.
 - iii. Incoming freshman will be allocated parking in outlying lots on the Kennesaw Campus to open up more spaces for faculty and staff and non-freshman students.
 - iv. The parking portal is available online to add and edit vehicle information.
 - b. Mr. Fowler then opened the floor to questions.
 - i. A question was asked on how space would be made up after the closing of Lot C on the Kennesaw Campus. Mr. Fowler responded that the two lots north of Lot C will be mostly converted to faculty and staff parking and the additional Premiere Parking lot will become regular faculty parking.
 - ii. It was suggested that the use of a chicane would allow the unused part of the first floor of Center deck to be used for parking. Mr. Fowler responded that his office is looking into using barricades to help with speeding near lots.
 - iii. A question was asked about the fairness of allocation of reserved parking spaces, noting the perception that some faculty and staff negotiate for paid spaces as a part of their compensation when hired. Mr. Fowler noted that his office is currently reviewing how many reserved spaces will be allowed in the future and that they may not add any further. He also noted that reserved stalls are allocated in different ways and that a department or college may be paying for someone's reserved space.

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4. University Handbook update – Sarah Holliday
 - a. Dr. Holliday presented an amendment to changes within “Section 3.8- Process for Changes to University and Faculty Handbooks and Catalogs” that had been approved in the February meeting. The amendment proposed changes to parentheses in the policy.
5. **Motion:** A motion was made to accept the changes.
 - a. Seconded and passed
6. University Handbook update – Sarah Holliday
 - a. Dr. Holliday presented proposed changes to the General Education Council (GEC) policy on membership to address changes in grammar and to edit language on the election process.
7. **Motion:** A motion was made to accept the changes.
 - a. Seconded and passed
8. Government relations – Amanda Seals
 - a. Amanda Seals presented the role of the Office of Government Relations and provided an update on current higher education related legislation.
 - i. HB280, “Campus Carry”, moved out of committee last week. Chancellor Wrigley testified to the committee to advocate for keeping the current law unchanged.
 - ii. A change was made to the bill to exempt college and career academies. If the bill passes the senate, it will go back to the house to debate the amendment.
 - b. The floor was then opened for questions.
 - i. The question was asked if consideration had been made for joint enrollment minors on campus or for young students. AVP Seals replied that information on numbers of minors was on hand at the hearing; she noted that we have over 12,000 minors that come on campus at various times of year.
 - ii. AVP Seals provided information that the chancellor, President Olens, and other university presidents are making calls to legislators on HB280. There is also work being done to assess the additional costs that will be involved if passed.
 - iii. A senator noted that his entire department is extremely concerned that the bill allows guns at performances and other

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non-sporting events and asked how best to take action at this stage in the process.

- iv. AVP Seals noted that her office has spoken on the faculty's behalf to lawmakers on this issue.
 - v. To advocate, use your personal email address (gmail, etc.) and contact your representatives personally. Do not use a form letter; personal letters mean more and are taken more seriously. One can provide context for personal experience, such as, "I am a professor at a local university".
 - vi. A senator also recommended making phone calls to representatives and noted that repetition helps.
- c. The status of HB51 was also presented. Its committee hearing is tomorrow; currently, there is no sponsor in the senate to pick it up. It and any alternates are being reviewed for conflicts between the bill and responsibility for federal student rights.
- d. AVP Seals also encouraged senators to join the Office of Government Relations newsletter and to contact her with any questions.
9. USG Guide to Policy and Ethics – Humayun Zafar
- a. The document presented is available in the meeting agenda.
 - b. Dr. Zafar asked that senators please review the policy and noted that serious violations have taken place in the past.
10. FSEC elections: Current list of nominees –
- a. **President-Elect:** Jennifer Purcell
 - b. **Kennesaw Campus representative:** Jeanne Bohannon
 - c. **Marietta Campus representative:**
 - d. **Secretary:** Doug Moodie
 - e. Dr. Zafar noted that the deadline for nominations is **March 31st.**
11. Committee on Committees—Faculty senate representative nominee: Joya Carter-Hicks.
12. **Vote.** Dr. Zafar called for a vote to elect the FS representative on the Committee.
- a. Dr. Carter-Hicks was elected.
13. Update on the President's Transition Task Force—Kathryn Bedette.
- a. A summary of this week's meeting discussion was provided.

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New Business

1. None.

Adjournment

1. **Motion.** A motion to adjourn was made at 1:34 PM.
 - a. Seconded and passed

Information Items

1. Dr. Bohannon announced a Women's History Month event on the Kennesaw Campus, March 31st, 10:00-2:00, Student Center, University Rooms.

Minutes submitted by:

Kathryn Bedette, Secretary, Faculty Senate