Actions taken by the Savannah State University Faculty Senate in 2011-2012

1. September 6, 2011
2. New Senators for 2011-2012 were sworn-in by Dr. Dozier.
3. The following officers were elected for 2011-2012:

Vice-Chair: Dr. Dowling

Recording Secretary: Professor O’Brien

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1. Dr. Yount and Dr. Arora were elected to be faculty representatives to the President’s Budget Committee.
2. Dr. Singh was elected as chair of the Board of Review and Dr. Maynor was elected as alternate chair.
3. October 4, 2011
4. The Faculty Handbook was approved as amended.
5. The Senate approved a motion to call for the President to move the Registrar’s Office back to Faculty Affairs.
6. A motion was approved by the Senate to have the President direct the Office of Institutional Research, Planning, and Assessment do a study on salary equity, compression, and parity.
7. The Senate approved a motion to make a one-time exception to allow the Executive Committee to name the New Programs and Curriculum Committee.
8. The Senate approved a motion to conduct an online vote of Senators regarding a one semester trial for online student evaluations of faculty.
9. The Senate approved a motion to have the last day of final exams for the summer session as the date listed as the Degree Awarding Date on the transcript for students who fulfilled their degree requirements in the summer.
10. Nov. 1, 2011
11. A motion was approved to conduct a one semester trial of online student evaluations.
12. The Senate approved a motion to have the Committee on Committees nominate faculty members to fill any vacancies on committees if we do not have all the committees staffed by volunteers by November 8.
13. The following curriculum proposals were approved.
14. New course EDUC 4100 Special Problems in Education
15. New course HEDU 1301 Fitness Walking
16. New course HEDU 1520 Group Fitness
17. Course change name of HEDU 1621 Aqua Dynamics to HEDU 1621 Water Aerobics
18. Minor in Visual and Performing Arts
19. Renumber course from MUSC 2121 to MUSC 3121 History and Literature of Music I
20. Renumber course from MUSC 2122 to MUSC 3122 History and Literature of Music II
21. Renumber MUSC 2421 to MUSC 3421 Instrumental Methods I
22. Renumber MUSC 2422 to MUSC 3422 Instrumental Methods II
23. Add completion of ENGL 1102 with a grade of C or better as a prerequisite to RPHS 2101 Introduction to Philosophy
24. Renumber Introduction of Philosophy from RPHS 2101 to PHIL 2010
25. Add completion of ENGL 1102 with a grade of C or better as a prerequisite to RPHS 2241 Ethics
26. Renumber Introduction of Ethics from RPHS 2241 to PHIL 2030.
27. New course ENGL 2111 World Literature II
28. Dual Degree Requirement: To the existing policy, add: Students who complete the first and second major at the same time are exempted from minor requirements and open free electives for the second degree.
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30. Jan. 3, 2012
31. Approved the following curriculum proposals:

COBA

1. Minor in Entrepreneurship (new minor)
2. Global Linguistics and International Business minor (revision)

 COST

1. Dr. Stokes mentioned that the Mathematical Modeling course must go to the board for approval because of its addition to Area A.
2. All math majors must take pre-calculus.
3. Dr. Stokes also read a list of pre-requisites for engineering majors during his summary of the curriculum proposals.

i: Math course prerequisite revisions (course changes)

ii: Electronics Engineering Technology (ELET) prerequisite revisions (course changes)

iii: GA tech Regional Engineering Program (GTREP) course deletions (program change)

iv: GTREP prerequisite revisions (course changes)

v: Civil Engineering Technology (CIVT) minor revisions (program change)

vi: Civil Engineering Technology (CIVT) and Engineering (ENGR) prerequisite revisions (course changes)

vii: Computer Science technology (CSCI) prerequisite revisions (course changes)

 CLASS

1. Dr. Stokes mentioned that changes were made to bring consistency to prerequisites.

i: All students must pass ENGL 1102 to move on to other courses.

ii: Some courses in Criminal Justice were moved to Area F and electives were reduced.

Iii: The RPHS courses were divided and renamed RELG and PHIL according to a new BOR policy.

iv: ENGL 3415- Introduction to technical Writing (new course)

v: Change Philosophy course listings (course changes)

vi: Religious Studies course designation change (course changes)

vii: Criminal Justice Area F change (program change) Add Intro to Sociology and remove Intro to Research Methods

viii: Criminal justice Area G change (Add Intro to Research Methods)

ix: Criminal Justice Area H change (program change) General electives reduction from 9 to 6 credit hours.

1. Feb. 7, 2012
2. A motion from the Executive Committee was approved to have the calendar for Senate meetings for the remainder of the 2011-2012 Academic Year be changed as follows:
3. Faculty Senate meetings will be held on March 6, 2011, April 3, 2012, and April 24, 2012. The second meeting in April is designed to take the place of the May meeting. The rationale for the elimination of the May meeting is one of a scheduling conflict. The Faculty Senate meeting scheduled for May has always occurred during the period set aside for final exams. After discussion earlier in the academic year, the Senate Executive Committee recommended to the Senate that such conflict be eliminated.
4. By March 6, 2012, Departments And Colleges are to hold elections of faculty to the Senate to replace those members who terms are about to expire.
5. At the April 24, 2012 meeting, newly elected faculty senators will be sworn-in prior to the election of the Senate Executive Committee for 2012-2013.
6. At the April 24, 2012 meeting, elections will be held for the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for 2012-2013 after newly elected Senators are sworn-in.
7. A motion from the Executive Committee was approved to hold Faculty Senate meetings for the 2012-2013 Academic Year as follows:

Aug. 14, 2012

Sept. 4, 2012

Oct. 2, 2012

Nov. 6, 2012

Nov. 27, 2012

Jan. 8, 2013

Feb. 5, 2013

March 5, 2013

April 2, 2013

April 23, 2013

1. The rationale for the two meetings in November, 2012 and April 2013 is the same as that for the two meetings in April, 2012.
2. Beginning with the 2012-2013 Academic Year and continuing until changed, the August and January meetings will be held on the first Tuesday after classes start.
3. The following motion was approved: Any faculty member serving in an administrative position with personnel recommendation authority may not serve on faculty search committees or personnel committees, including pre-tenure, tenure, promotion, and post=tenure. This should be included in the handbook.
4. A motion was approved to continue with online student evaluations of faculty and to work on the response rate.
5. March 6, 2012
6. Dr. Dozier objected to the following motion approved on February,7 2012: Any faculty member serving in an administrative position with personnel recommendation authority may not serve on faculty search committees or personnel committees, including pre-tenure, tenure, promotion, and post-tenure.
7. Dr. Dowling commented that Dr. Dozier can choose to reject this motion by writing a letter to the Executive Committee.
8. A motion was approved to approve the faculty handbook with the changes made and, that any further changes will be made on a line-by-line basis rather than bringing the whole document back.
9. April 3, 2012

1. Faculty Affairs recommended that the Senate be reapportioned with an equal representation of 5 senators from each college. The recommendation was defeated.

2. Dr. Metts read a letter from Dr. Dozier rejecting the following motion approved by the Senate at the Feb. 7, 2012 meeting: “Any faculty member serving in an administrative position with personnel recommendation authority may not serve on faculty search committees, including pre-tenure, tenure, promotion, and post-tenure.”

 VIII. April 24, 2012

1. The motion to approve a recommendation that a statement be included in the syllabus stating the importance of students doing evaluations of faculty was passed.
2. A motion was made and approved to allow students in good standing who are within 6 credits of graduation to participate in the graduation ceremony.
3. A motion was approved to publish grade distribution of faculty by course.
4. The motion to publish student assessment of faculty by course was approved.
5. Dr. Dozier will follow-up will Dr. Crow on the study on salary equity, compression and parity for faculty.
6. The proposal to re-name and re-task the Admissions Committee was approved. The committee will be renamed the Academic Suspensions Appeals Committee.
7. Dr. Dozier swore-in the new Senators for 2012-2013.
8. The following officers were elected by acclamation to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for 2012-2013:

Vice-Chair- Dr. Dowling

Recording Secretary; Professor O’Brien

Corresponding Secretary: Dr. Metts

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Respectfully submitted,

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