

Minutes
Meeting of the Faculty Council
October 24, 2014, 10:00 a.m., Pafford 111

1. Call to order 10:05 a.m.

In attendance: Greg Dixon, Soo Moon, Brad Yates, Tom Hunter, Pam Hunt Kirk, Ashley Smallwood, Jeanette Diaz, Winston Tripp, Mike Johnson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from September 2014 meeting; seconded; approved unanimously. Minutes kept on FC website:

http://www.westga.edu/coss/index_172.php

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Creating a College Student Conduct Code

Associate Dean Smallwood visited to clarify the College's proposal. Currently, we don't have in place a process by which we could re-evaluate a student's fit in our major(s). Discussion ensued as to whether this is a proposal to create a code that the student is "kicked out" of the major vs. University. Then, discussion on what the process would be. Assc. Dean Smallwood indicated that students would have a right to appeal, etc.. Another question about whether we could deny a student to a major (especially if they have been "kicked out" of another within COSS). Consistency would be important throughout the College. (i.e., Nursing School - create a College conduct student handbook). FYI: There is an academic dishonesty reporting link on College website. Department feedback desired before next FC meeting

2. College Workload Discussion

Paul Luken visited to provide some context for the issue from the discussion of Administrative Council. College Policies and Procedures Teaching Load examined as an example of inconsistency in following workload issues throughout College. For example, should current policies under workload be considered meritorious work vs. faculty being given compensation (because we can't do both; one cannot get release time and have this workload considered meritorious – merit must be above and beyond typical). May take some time to craft language. Policy and practice should match; they don't as of now. Honors course counting as two is what caught the eye of the Chairs; created this desire to discuss/potentially revise COSS P&P.

Yates noted that we already vetted the double counting seats/courses last year and Admin Council approved. Perhaps other points in P&P Teaching Load section might be reexamined this year in FC

3. Budget Update

Yates explained what was discussed in the President's Town Hall Meeting. Chancellor of BOR conducting exercise on what a 3% budget cut would look like.

4. Course and program changes

COURSES

Any of the following that were submitted indicating that Senate Action was required when it, in fact, was not, will be resubmitted. Vice versa.

ANTH 4201 description change approved

ANTH 4204 and 4205 added courses approved pending minor revisions; (Ashley Smallwood and Ben Steere will revise syllabi. Also, Steere will attach syllabus for 4205; Amber Smallwood will review and push through without further FC approval once revisions are made)

POLS 4210 and 5210 course name change approved

POLS 3101 course name and description change

POLS 6287 course addition rejected (will change credit hours from 3 to "variable." Will need to include information about how this was a requirement, but not a course in the system; add syllabus)

POLS 6286 course modification to title and description approved

POLS 6201 modification approved

POLS 6204 modification approved

POLS 6206 modification approved

POLS 6203 modification approved

PSYC 7650 Change of credit hours for course approved, pending revisions. Pope needs change to credit hours in system from 3 to 4, and perhaps change language.

PSYC 8003 course deletion (to create instead 7004 so that Masters students can register) tabled

PSYC 7004 course addition (to replace 8003) tabled for Osbeck to resubmit

PROGRAMS

ANTH submission to delete course options for Archeology students – approved.

Ashley Smallwood will ask department chair to verify that this is to delete course options (it may read as though the courses are requested to be deleted)

POLS addition of a n undergraduate certificate for College Data Analysis

Certificate – approved. Peralta to indicate that this is an embedded certificate.

PSYC PhD in Psychology (title) was approved previously; Smallwood will submit her approval now

Master of Arts with a Major in Psychology - Certificate in Integrative Health Studies – approved previously

a. **Planning Committee** (Yates, Kirk, Johnson): have talking points about COSS Strategic Plan for next meeting. It was noted that the Dean has done some of this already.

b. **Academic Affairs Committee** (Smallwood, Dixon, Diaz): have talking points about Bylaws for next meeting

c. **Faculty Development Committee** (Hunter, Moon, Tripp): have talking points about P&P for next meeting

Date of next meeting will be Friday November 21 at 9am

Move to adjourn at 12:14pm

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Hunt Kirk

