

**Minutes**  
**Meeting of the College of Social Sciences (COSS) Faculty Council**  
**Jan 20, 2017, 10:00 a.m. Dean's Conference Room**

The meeting was called to order at 10am. Attendees: Heather Mbaye, Chair-elect; Corey Maggiano, Anthropology; Vanessa Griffin, Criminology; Kathy Skott-Myhre, Associate Dean; Soho Lee, Chair; Jennifer Beggs Weber, Sociology; Pam Hunt Kirk, Past-chair; Anthony Fleming, Political Science; Jeanette Diaz, Psychology

Last meeting minutes were approved

**Items of Business**

1. Course/Program Modifications (<https://apps.westga.edu/catalog/>)

2. COSS P&P and By-law Discussion

Extensive discussion resulted in a number of suggested tweaks for the subcommittee. Notes for these were sent under separate cover and are included here:

Add section on Proposal II : Add Purpose of the document after mission of the college

Name document COSS Policies & Procedures

Edit Proposal 1 to include rename to “policies and procedures”

Purpose of the document:

Duties & Rights of faculty and procedures to redress

Grievances – review these:

Advocacy for faculty council

Represent faculty from department

Field faculty concerns and interest to the dean — representatives of faculty of each department, the faculty council serves as consulting/communication body that it represents— representation notion— grievance procedure

If they have concerns/issues about the bylaws, they can bring that to us— don't bring grievance

Concerns As related to these policies and procedures

Department chairs cannot prevent faculty member from taking

Graduate course loads

\*Move up to b instead of e — move other three down

3. Updates from the COSS Chairs' meeting

- a. Summer stipend idea (Dean's Office): online teaching training, grant writing, research grant, course re-development, mentoring training. We had none to add.

**Next meeting scheduled for 2/17**