

**Agenda**  
**Meeting of the College of Social Sciences (COSS) Faculty Council**  
**April 29, 2016, 10:00 a.m., Pafford 202**

**In attendance: Pam Hunt Kirk, Ashley Smallwood, Amber Smallwood, Neema Noori, Patrick Hadley, Anthony Fleming, Mike Johnson, Jeanette Diaz**

**CALL TO ORDER – 10:03am**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES for April 1, 2016 meeting.**

**(tabled – minutes not distributed as of April 29, 2016)**

Minutes kept at: [http://www.westga.edu/coss/index\\_172.php](http://www.westga.edu/coss/index_172.php)

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. COSS P&P and Bylaws discussion
  - a. Teaching overloads
  - b. Declining reassigned time
  - c. Directors of Graduate Studies job descriptions vs. P&P/Bylaws description of Graduate Programs Committee

Short discussion ensued about the potential inability to reach a quorum due to two critical factors: (1) the ballot for the amendment to the P&P and Bylaws is to be available to faculty for voting for twenty days (according to the policies of the standing documents). However, due to time constraints this semester, the ballot did not become available to faculty until April 22, 2016. Twenty days after the date of availability will be well after faculty contracts for AY 205-2016 have ended. The Council is concerned about what this means with regard to faculty be able/willing to participate in voting. (2) Faculty in several departments were expressing concern about understanding the changes/edits in the new document.

Since the ballot has already been introduced, it will remain available to faculty for the remainder of the voting period. The Faculty Council strongly suggests that if a quorum is not reached by the end of the voting period, the amendments should be put on hold until Fall 2016 when the College should hold townhall meetings. During these meetings, the faculty can discuss the suggested amendments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Meet Chair-Elect for 2016-2017, Dr. Kathleen Skott-Myhre – not in attendance today, but the Council discussed changes to the body, noting the end of terms for Mike Johnson (Criminology) and Ashley Smallwood (Anthropology). Vanessa Woodward and Corey Maggiano will begin terms to replace these representatives, beginning Fall 2016. Paul Rutledge will move into the role of Chair and Pam Hunt Kirk will move into the role of Past-Chair. Greg Dixon will rotate off Council, having served as Past-Chair during AY 2015-2016
2. Course/Program Modifications

POLS 2101 Introduction to Political Science – APPROVED WITH clarification not requesting to add to the University Core (are you talking about Major CORE only)? G. Dixon submitted course addition

POLS 4406 Politics of Asia – APPROVED

POLS 4801 Experiential /Service Learning – no syllabus attached, our concern that it may not move through Senate as a result of no syllabus. APPROVED with suggestion that syllabus be attached before the course addition moves ahead to Faculty Senate.

3. University/College/Department updates/end of AY information

**OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN – adjourned at 11:00am**