**Agenda**

**Meeting of the Faculty Council**

**January 18, 2013, 10:30 a.m., Dean’s Conference Room, 3rd Floor Pafford**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of November 16, 2012 (see FC web site)

**AMNNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Update on the COSS strategic planning process
2. Higher Education Funding Commission report : <http://www.westga.edu/anth/index_18903.php>

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Schedule of Faculty Council meetings for the Spring semester
2. Selection of members to serve as Acting Chair-Elect and Acting Past Chair of Faculty Council
3. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Dillon, Hunt, Marden)
   1. Proposal: to approve course and program modifications (see FC web site) (Associate Dean Mbaye)
   2. Proposal: to amend the current grading scale (plus/minus system)
   3. Proposal: to support the development of certificate programs (within department, within COSS, across colleges)
4. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (Hunter, Moon)
   1. Proposal: to establish procedures for awarding of Faculty Research Grants
   2. Proposal: to establish policies for COSS’ *Studies in the Social Sciences*
   3. Proposal: to formulate policy regarding non-tenure track faculty
   4. Proposal: to codify changes in the *Policies and Procedures* regarding:
      1. Promotion & Tenure Committee
      2. workload for supersized courses
      3. periodic evaluation of department chairs
      4. periodic evaluation of dean
   5. Proposal: to formulate standards for online instruction training
5. PLANNING COMMITTEE (Johnson, Yates)
   1. Proposal: to support a College-wide webmaster and/or department-specific webmasters to streamline the visual identity of COSS and its various entities in accordance with UCM guidelines and improve efficiency of online updates
   2. Faculty Council elections for spring
6. OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS