

**Gordon State College
Faculty Senate Academic Planning and Budget Committee**

**Meeting
Russell 325 – 3:30pm, 7 October 2019**

APPROVED Minutes

Members:

VPAA & Provost Dr. Jeffrey Knighton
Dean of Arts & Sciences Dr. Barry Kicklighter
Dean of Education Dr. Joseph Jones
Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences Dr. Vilchiz
Faculty Senate Chair-Elect, Dr. Frank Winters
Faculty Senate Liaison, Prof. Lisa Ferguson
Faculty Representative for Business, History, and Social Sciences, Dr. J. Franklin Williamson
Faculty Representative for Education, Dr. Beth Pollock
Faculty Representative for Humanities, Dr. Darren Broome, Dr. Doug Davis
Faculty Representative for Mathematics (vacant)
Faculty Representative for Nursing and Health Sciences (vacant)

I. Call to Order

A. Faculty Senate Chair-Elect Winters called the meeting to order at 3:44pm

1. Members present: Knighton, Jones, Vilchiz, Winters, Williamson, Pollock, Broome
2. Members absent: Kicklighter, Ferguson, Davis

II. New Business

A. Election of Chair and Recorder

1. Dr. Williamson elected Chair.
2. Dr. Pollock elected Recorder

B. Discussion of New Academic Programs Approval Process

1. Committee discussed importance of Data Day (11/15) for the presentation and vetting of new program proposals
2. Committee discussed the importance of tying new proposals to “workforce needs,” of including quantitative data from the System in such proposals, of identifying existing faculty (or new faculty needing to be added) to serve the program, as well as of evidencing collaboration among interested faculty proposing the program, all in order to ensure approval from the BOR.

C. Discuss future agenda items

1. Committee identified the following as areas of emphasis for the committee, which should inform future agenda items:
 - a. Offering suggestions and feedback on new program approval process (see above),
 - b. Offering suggestions and feedback on priorities in filling vacant faculty positions,

- c. Offering suggestions and feedback for Academic Affairs priorities and programs,
- d. Offering suggestions and feedback on questions relating to summer funding
- e. Offering suggestions and feedback on questions of budgets (and budget reductions)

D. Set future meeting dates

1. Next meeting November 4, 2019 at 3:30-4:30 in Russell 427.