

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

**Meeting
Russell- 327- 3:30p November 4, 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. Victor Vilchiz
Faculty Senate Chair-Elect, Dr. Frank Winters
Faculty Senate Liaison Professor Lisa Ferguson
Faculty Representative for Business, History, and Social Sciences, Dr. 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. Committee Chair Franklin Williamson called the meeting to order at 3:35p.
 1. Members present: Williamson, Knighton, Winters, Ferguson, Pollock, Broome, Davis, Jones, Kicklighter
 2. Other faculty present: Dr. Steve Rainey
 3. Members absent: Vilchiz
- II. Old Business
 - A. Approval of minutes from 10/07/19
 - B. Review of information re: Data Day
 1. Data Day will be held on Friday, November 15th from 9:00-4:00p. The morning session will be dedicated to reviewing retention and CCSSE data, and the afternoon session (beginning at 1:00) will be dedicated to reviewing low-producing programs, with presentations on new degree proposals beginning at 2:00.
 2. The committee will assist in reviewing current degree programs that are struggling in terms of enrollment, potential new programs being presented on Data Day
 3. The committee will forward recommendations to the Academic Policy Committee (APC)
 - C. Review of other purpose of committee- to explore ways to improve the process of how new programs are created/reviewed
- III. New Business

- A. Discussion of the challenges of attempting to improve the process of new program ideas/existing program reviews when a lack of understanding regarding college budget constraints is present
 - 1. Concerns were raised regarding budget cuts and how it impacts academics in a student-focused environment, as well as how the cuts will impact course planning and proposals
 - a. The impact of potential Core Redesign
 - b. The cross-department impact of potential changes to education degree requirements being discussed
- B. A motion was made to have Chair Franklin Williamson submit a formal request of information regarding past and present budgets (previously posted on the website), along with continuing budget adjustments made last year, this year, and ongoing. Questions related to the importance of this request focused on:
 - 1. How was the \$1.2 million increase in state funding allocated?
 - 2. Where are the potential cuts to address the \$1.3 million shortfall coming from?
 - 3. How will the budget constraints impact potential new degrees being identified and/or proposed?
 - 4. How will these potential new programs be implemented and supported by the college and specific departments when budget priorities are not specifically identified and lack transparency?
- C. The motion carried and a voice vote was taken:
 - 1. The “Yes” votes carried with one committee member abstaining
- D. Discussion of future items
 - 1. Set future meeting date
 - a. The committee will attend Data Day and then discuss the next meeting date in order to provide the APC committee with feedback in a timely manner
- E. Meeting adjourned