

Faculty Senate Agenda

August 11, 3 pm

Call to Order

Senate President, Welcome – Vicki Todd

Old Business

Follow up with questions asked to the Covid Team. Are there any other questions that need to be addressed? No further questions.

New Business

- *Focus of Faculty Senate 2021/2022. The following were shared with the deans meeting in July.*

In 2021/2022 faculty senate will focus on:

1. Revise the constitution for clarity as well as to reflect the changing dynamic of faculty. For example, there is no specific representation of faculty from the Macon campus.
 2. Revisit and hopefully implement the mentoring program that was presented before the pandemic. This would expand the present new faculty orientation to also include faculty who may have been here for awhile. This idea came about because of some issues that were noted about withdraw process as related to financial aide. I also think its a good idea for faculty to have a person to go to. That is harder to ignore than an email.
 3. Start an education initiative for faculty that would help educate mental health suggestions, more tools to have in their tool box. This would go beyond violence that has been addressed by the college for several years. During the pandemic, many faculty members have had students who were dealing with panic attacks, anxiety and other mental health issues. Basically we would like to have more Peter Buck skills.
 4. Faculty has asked for Promoting upward appraisal/evaluation of administration. Just as faculty are required to consider students' course evaluations, administrators should have opportunities to be appreciated for their strengths and to hear suggestions for continuous improvement.
- During the deans meeting, I shared the following:
 - During Fall Kick off, I will be promoting being a part of faculty senate by distributing postcards at the first division meetings of the semester. In our constitution, membership of faculty senate is senators chosen by the faculty from

each academic division. We will also continue to support SACS accreditation Vision 2017 which talks about productive involvement of the Faculty Senate in governance process of instruction and student services and addressing educational and related issues of interest to the faculty. In my mind we are the bridge between faculty and administration/staff.

- (IF needed: Goal 4, Strategy 4.3.4, the colleges objective is to develop leadership opportunities for faculty by fostering the productive involvement of the Faculty Senate within the governance process of instruction and student services as well as policy 5.01.01 to address educational and related issues of interest to the faculty.)

- *Statement of support of vaccinations for employees*

- *Guest Speaker Recommendations*

Adjournment