***Meeting Minutes for KSU Faculty Senate meeting of 24th August 2015 at the Marietta campus in Room A201 Student Center Ballroom. (3:45pm-4:50pm)***

1. **Welcome to a New KSU and a New Year**
2. **Acceptance of minutes for 23rd April 2015 - Doug Moodie**
3. **Quick Introductions - ALL**
4. **Appeal for volunteers for committee vacancies - Humayun Zafar**

Liaisons attend meetings as representatives of the FS and report back to FS on any items of interest. We need faculty senate liaisons for the following bodies;

* SGA - 8 pm Wednesdays
* Staff Senate - 10 am Thursdays
* Part-time Faculty Council – 3:30 Wednesdays
* Chairs and Directors Assembly - 9 am Wednesday
* Deans Council - 9am Thursday
1. **SACSCOC Visit – Jorge Perez.**

Jorge Perez asked that campus refers to Memo sent on KSU inform Aug 10.

In anticipation of the September 1-3 Substantive Change Visit, representatives of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, along with Dr. Kat Schwaig, Dean of the Coles College of Business and KSU Chair of the Visit, will attend meetings of colleges and shared governance bodies to discuss and answer questions about this pivotal event in the life of the new KSU. After the consolidation of SPSU and KSU – both individually accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) – the newly merged institution must demonstrate its continued compliance with accreditation principles. In July, KSU submitted a Substantive Change Report that details how the University complies with key accreditation standards such as institutional effectiveness, educational programs, student services, financial and physical resources, and faculty credentials. Next month’s Substantive Change Visit rounds out our case for accreditation as a newly consolidated institution. The Visit commences September 1st on the Marietta campus and ends September 3rd on the Kennesaw campus. The visiting committee is comprised of the SACSCOC Vice President assigned to the new KSU and seven leaders of SACSCOC-accredited institutions from five states. The committee includes a president, a provost, a dean of university libraries, an associate vice president of finance, and a graduate school dean. Committee members will meet with students, faculty, staff and administrators to explore the impacts of consolidation along dimensions delineated in the Substantive Change Report. In addition to previously arranged meetings, the committee may ask to speak with any member of the KSU community, or may request documentation beyond what appears in the Report.

Q: How can we prepare for visit if we are asked to meet with SACSCOC?

A: Review the Substantive Change Report on the Consolidation website. <http://www.ksuspsuconsolidation.com/accreditation/>

1. **Report of Student Success Team – Katheryn Bedette**

KSU’s Senior Vice Provost, Dr. John Omachonu, joined the Office of the Provost in July

2015 and has established a new committee focused on improving student retention,

progression and graduation called the Student Success Team. Since its formation, the

Student Success Team has met once and will continue to meet on a monthly basis.

Members: Dr. John Omachonu (Chair), Kathryn Bedette, AIA, Dr. Keisha Hoerrner,

Dr. Wendy Kallina, Dr. Elke Leeds, Dr. Alice Pate, Dr. Jorge Perez, Mr. Kim West,

Dr. Kathryn “K.C.” White. Dr. Alice Pate represents department chairs on the committee and will provide updates to the Chairs and Directors Assembly. Kathryn Bedette represents faculty on the committee and will provide updates to the Faculty Senate. Currently, Dr. Omachonu is meeting with Deans across the University and he will also meet directly with the Faculty Senate to present and discuss new initiatives.

The Student Success Team will work to develop an overall advising structure for the

University, emphasizing data integration and collaboration across units

1. **General Education Council - Valerie Whittlesey**

2nd reading proposal to add faculty from 3 colleges that have previously been omitted. This action is to ensure representation from each discipline. The General Education Council serves as an advocate for and facilitator of the general education program on the KSU campus. It is the voice that speaks for the general education program, much as the academic departments speak for their majors. Its goal is to develop and maintain a unified, integrated, and effective general education program. The council is advisory and submits proposals to the UPCC. Membership: The council is chaired by the Associate Vice President for Curriculum. General education coordinators are those faculty/administrators who coordinate general education activities in their respective departments and function as liaisons between those departments and the council. This proposal to change bylaw of GEC membership was accepted.

1. **Experiential Learning Task Force progress – Provost Harmon/Doug Moodie**

Dr. Harmon wants small task force. KSU looking at making experiential learning (civic engagement internships, undergraduate research, study abroad, coops, international community engagement, economic development, etc. ) compulsory for all students. Example: UGA Fall 2016 all incoming Freshman.

1. **Grievance Procedure task force– Ron Matson**

Two faculty reps needed to review and rewrite the KSU Faculty Grievance procedure with the goal of streamlining the process and ensuring compliance with current BoR, State, and Federal policies while making sure that faculty have a fair way of having a grievance heard.

The current KSU Grievance policy was written between 1998 and 2003 and is out of date. Please direct names to Ron Matson by next Monday (9.28.15)!

1. **Prior Learning Assessment Update. Advanced Standing Exams and Department Coordinators/POC's. See attachments.– Elke Leeds**

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) is a process through which students identify areas of learning gained through life or work outside of structured higher educational courses. They demonstrate learning through appropriate documentation, and submit their materials related to specific course objectives so that they can be assessed and possibly awarded academic credit.The School of Computing and Software Engineering (CSE) recognizes that PLA fits with themission of the School and reduces the repetition of relevant, course-related material for students with prior learning.

1. **Online Teaching Faculty Incentive Program Proposal – Elke Leeds( 2nd read)**

Through activities related to consolidation, OWG-24 on Technology Enhanced Learning has re-affirmed the Online Course Quality Review and Incentive Program, subsequently approved by the CIC. Please see OWG-24 CIC Approved Recommendations for a full listing: <http://www.ksuspsuconsolidation.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/OWG-24-Approved-Recommendations3.pdf>

As implementation of the program begins at the newly consolidated university, opportunities exists to further improve the Online Teaching Faculty Incentive Program through offering faculty additional options.

*Proposed*

1. Delineation of the Online Teaching Faculty Incentive Program to specify the incentive is applicable to both graduate and undergraduate courses.
2. Address the language that “assuming a 3-hour course” applies proportionally to courses of between 1-5 credit hours using the following: 1-2 credit hours courses ($25), 3 credit hour courses ($50) and 4-5 credit hour courses ($75)
3. Add a travel/professional development option for faculty based on the calculated amounts.

Proposal passed.

1. **Report on PSIA QM experiment – Ken White.**

Refer to report on the decentralized online course review process. Information on the Department of Political Science and International Affairs provide is provided on their commitment to department-level review process and their willingness to five time to make the process rigorous and efficient.