**Draft Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting held on 18th of September 2017.**

**Introductions**

At 12:30, the President of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Joya Carter-Hicks, started the meeting. She introduced the FSEC and Senate Parliamentarian, Dr. Ken White.

She then mentioned the recent deaths of Dr. Katherine Epps and Dr. Sandra Vasa-Sideris and recounted their large contributions to KSU and SPSU.

Ken White noted that two events are coming up in support of Holocust Education; the first at 6 pm in KSUC 400 on 27th September, a film showing of *Denial: Holocust History on Trial*; the second at 5 pm on 25th October in SO 1021, a lecture by Dr. Robert Friedmann on the contemporary challenges of terrorism. (see details at end of minutes).

The President of KSU, Mr. Sam Olens, gave a short welcome talk and tributes to Drs. Epps and Vasa-Sideris. He also introduced Michael J. Parkerson Associate Vice President - Government Relations.

As a reminder, President Olens will be inaugurated as the 4th president of Kennesaw State on Thursday, October 19th at 10am in the Convocation Center (Kennesaw Campus). Please make plans to attend and forward a reminder to your departmental colleagues and students.

**Dr. Ron Matson**

***Digital Measures***

He gave information on a possible replacement of Digital Measures. The earliest this could occur would be in January 2019. The Digital Measures replacement committee has three senate members. KSU has to replace the Student response modules as DM will now longer support it, and KSU is also looking to replace the Activity Insight module (that records faculty achievements, and produces faculty reports, etc.) as it is so user unfriendly.

**Provost Ken Harmon**

***Equity***

Ron Smith did a study on Faculty Equity, which suggested large discrepancies on internal equity, which would take years to remove. Dr. Harmon has sent the report to Ron Smith’s replacement to relook at the figures, whilst also analyzing gender, age, and external equity figures. He is also doing a similar report on staff.

Dr. Harmon asked for five representatives from Faculty senate to serve on committee to look at these reports and further action. Joya will run elections for these positions if there are more than five volunteers. He will also ask for feedback from Deans and Chairs, especially when it comes to individual payments. HR will study the staff equity report with representative of the staff senate when the report is ready.

He hoped that an initial $1m can be paid out in equity sometime this academic year, once all the consultations are finished.

***Small Programs***

KSU has several low performing programs on the USG list; one was AADS, another was Surveying. AADS is a low cost program, so KSU will make a case to BoR based on efficiency of program. Dr. Harmon is optimistic they will listen. Outsiders have recently offered money to support the surveying program. KSU needs to do something for all at risk programs to take them off the list. For example, KSU may spend money marketing these programs.

***Strategic Planning***

Dr. Tim Blumentritt Associate Professor Management & Entrepreneurship will coordinate four small "Exploratory" committees working on the new strategic plan rather than one huge committee. Just over 50 people will participate in the strategic planning exercise. There is a request for three faculty representatives to serve on the committee.

**Dr. Elke Leeds**

***e-tuition***

There is a strong possibility that the BoR may insist that KSU charges the same for online courses as F2F courses. This would mean KSU could lose $15m (including $3.6m faculty online payments, and $5m position salaries). The state wants costs reductions and that online tuition costs the same or less than F2F tuition. Elke is a rep on the USG committee investigating this, which has to report by Thanksgiving. The BoR will then make a decision in December or January for what happens in Fall 2018. They also want a common policy across USG. At present some schools charge more for F2F, some the same, and some more (but not the same amount) for online.

Elke explained that parents and state senators and representatives do not understand the extra costs of online tuition and that KSU has to make a case in simple language on why they need more money for an online course. So, KSU has to look at the unique costs of online education and make a case for these expenditures that anyone can understand.

**Liaisons**

Joya asked for more volunteers for liaison positions, including SGA, staff, and Part-time faculty, for which no one had volunteered. She also introduced the work study study, Nygel Jones, who was present.

**Dr. Val Whittlesey**

***Dual Degree, Double Degree, and Double major***

She explained that a Double major is two majors for the same degree, e.g., BS in Mathematics and Physics. A Dual degree is two majors with different degree, e.g., BA in Music and a BS in Mathematics.

A Double degree is two majors awarded at different times.

Dr. Whittlesey proposed removing the need for an extra 21 credits over a single degree for all these circumstances. The Senate approved unanimously this deletion, 32-0. Val said it should appear in the Fall 2018 catalogue but could be used in Spring 2018.

**Scott Reese**

***G2C Gateways to Completion***

KSU has collected data on the initial five gateway courses with over 20% DFWI. KSU will shortly expand this program to include more gateway courses with over 20% DFWI. Scott noted that this was a faculty driven process, which looked at ways of improving pass rates in gateway courses. They are using Early Alert systems, Academic Learning Centers, and undergraduate peer instruction as tools. Early Alert worked well I four out of the five pilot courses.

They found that there was in consistency across sections and are looking to minimize this with common course features in all sections. Faculty may push back over the use of standard syllabi. However, especially for sequential courses there should be some commonality between courses. Required common skills sets will be faculty driven.

**Early Alert Intervention Pilot**

Dr. Sara Matta reported in more detail on the use of early Alert for at risk students as well as for athletes.

**Minutes**

The senate approved the minutes of April 2017 FS meeting.

The meeting ended at 1:45 pm.

**Faculty Senate Attendance Sign-up Sheet for the 18th of September 2017**

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| **Department** | **Name** | **Present** |
| Accounting | Cristen Dutcher | Yes |
| Architecture | Tim Frank | Yes |
| Art & Design | Craig Brasco | Yes |
| Chemistry & Biochemistry | Michael Van Dyke | Yes |
| Civil & Construction Engineering | Metin Oguzmert |  |
| Construction Engineering Technology | Matthew Wilson |  |
| Communication and Media | Carolyn Carlson | Yes |
| Computer Engineering | Scott Tippens |  |
| Computer Science | Alan Shaw |  |
| Conflict Mgt., Peacebuilding, and Development | Heather Pincock | Yes |
| Construction Management | Charner Rodgers | Yes |
| Culinary Sustainability and Hospitality | Jonathan Brown |  |
| Dance | McCree O’Kelley | Yes |
| Digital Writing and Media Arts | Uttam Kokil | Yes |
| Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology | Joe Dirnbeger | Yes |
| Economics, Finance, and Quantitative Analysis | Luc Noiset |  |
| Education Leadership | Nic Clegorne | Yes |
| Elementary and Early Childhood Education | Scott Ritchie |  |
| Electrical Engineering | Yusun Chang | Yes |
| Electrical & Computer Engineering Technology | Pam Frinzi |  |
| English | Jeanne Bohannon | Yes |
| Exercise Science & Sports Mgt. | Laurie Tis |  |
| First-Year and Transitional Studies | Richard Mosholder |  |
| Foreign Languages | Noah McLaughin |  |
| Geography and Anthropology | Debrati Sen | Yes |
| Health Promotion and Physical Education | Peter St. Pierre | Yes |
| History and Philosophy | Marianne Holdzkom | Yes |
| Honors College | Katherine Kinnick |  |
| Inclusive Education | Joya Carter-Hicks | Yes |
| Information Systems | Humayun Zafar | Yes |
| Information Technology | Ming Yang | Yes |
| Instructional Technology | Anissa Vega | Yes |
| Interdisciplinary Studies | May Gao | Yes |
| Leadership and Integrative Studies | Jennifer Purcell | Yes |
| Library, University | Barbara Wood |  |
| Management and Entrepreneurship | Doug Moodie | Yes |
| Marketing and Professional Sales | Sandra Pierquet | Yes |
| Mathematics | Josip Derado | Yes |
| Mechanical Engineering | Mohammed Mayeed |  |
| Mechanical Engineering Technology | David Stollberg | Yes |
| Mechatronics Engineering | Ying Wang |  |
| Molecular and Cellular Biology | Jerald Hendrix | Yes |
| Music | Jana Young | Yes |
| Nursing | Jane Brannan | Yes |
| Physics | Russell Patrick |  |
| Political Science and International Affairs | Ken White | Yes |
| Psychology | Roxanne Donovan | Yes |
| Secondary and Middle Grades Education | Bryan Gillis | Yes |
| Social Work and Human Services | Vanessa Robinson-Dooley |  |
| Sociology and Criminal Justice | Darina Lepadatu | Yes |
| Software Engineering and Game Development | Paola Spoletini | Yes |
| Statistics and Analytical Sciences | Josip Derado | Yes |
| Systems and Industrial Engineering | Robert Keyser |  |
| Technical Communication & Interactive Design | Uttam Kokil |  |
| Theatre and Performance Studies | Jim Davis |  |
| **Liaisons** |  |  |
| Administrators Council | Chris Hutt |  |
| Chairs and Directors Assembly | Dawn Baunach | Yes |
| Deans Council | Kathy Schwaig |  |
| Part-time Faculty Council |  |  |
| Staff Senate | Chris Beam |  |
| Student Government Association |  |  |
| **Ex-officio** |  |  |
| President | Sam Olens | Yes |
| Provost and VPAA | Ken Harmon | Yes |
| Assoc. V P. for Faculty | Ron Matson | Yes |
| Assoc. V. P. for Curriculum | Val Whilesey | Yes |
| Assoc. V P. for Enrollment Services | Kim West |  |
| Assoc. V. P, for Technology | Elke Leeds | Yes |
| **Visitors** |  |  |
| Assistant Dean, S&M | Scott Reese | Yes |
| Associate Dean, HSS | Thierry Leger | Yes |
| Work Study Student | Nygel Jones | Yes |

**FIRST EVENT:**

**Wednesday, September 27, 2017   
Tours begin at 5:00 p.m., movie starts at 6:00 p.m.**

**Museum of History and Holocaust Education   
KSU Center, Room 400**  
3333 Busbee Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30144

**Free + Open to the public | No reservations required**

Based on her acclaimed book *Denial: Holocaust History on Trial*, *Denial* recounts Holocaust scholar Deborah E. Lipstadt’s (Academy Award® winner Rachel Weisz) legal battle for historical truth against David Irving (BAFTA nominee Timothy Spall). Irving filed a lawsuit against her when Lipstadt declared him a Holocaust denier in her book *Denying the Holocaust*. In the UK, the burden of proof is on the defendant in cases of libel, therefore it was up to Lipstadt and her legal team, led by Richard Rampton (Academy Award® nominee Tom Wilkinson), to prove the essential truth that the Holocaust occurred. Rated PG-13.

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**SECOND EVENT:**

***In light of recent attacks -- including in Barcelona, London, and Paris -- a public discussion about global terror is of vital importance to our communities. Join us for the third annual Paul and Beverly Radow Lecture Series as we explore the challenges and ideologies of terrorism today.***

**Wednesday, October 25, 2017 | 5:00 p.m.**

**Free + open to the public**

**Kennesaw State University   
Social Sciences Auditorium, Room 1021   
1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw, GA 30144**