**Faculty Senate Agenda on 3/24/14**

HS or PH 2010 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

**Previous Minutes**

1. Approve 02/24/14 minutes

**Old Business**

1. eCore Resolution (FSEC)

* Chairs & Directors Assembly has voted not to adopt eCore.
* The undergraduate curriculum committee has voted not to adopt eCore.

*The KSU Faculty Senate recommends that KSU does not adopt eCore*.

2. Office Hours Clarification (R.C. Paul) (Second Reading)

*Departments must establish guidelines that establish a minimum number of hours during each week that faculty should be available to students beyond scheduled classes. Faculty teaching on campus, online, and/or hybrid courses may be available virtually instead of being required to be on campus at stated times during each week in accordance with department guidelines. The times stated by departments may be continuous and/or asymmetrical hours*.

**New Business**

1. Joint SPSU/KSU Proposal for the *new* KSU on External Letters – Handbook language for the *new* KSU (FSEC)

*The promotion process for tenure-track faculty includes external review in the form of two letters from appropriate experts who have no current affiliation with Kennesaw State University. These experts are specialists in the candidate’s academic discipline, and they provide an objective evaluation of the evidence of the candidate’s scholarship, which is prepared by the candidate, and which may be limited in quantity by the department chair. If the experts have a present or prior relationship to the candidate, e.g., advisor on dissertation committee or co-author, this relationship must be disclosed. The experts are selected by mutual agreement of the candidate and the department chair, and the department chair performs all communication with the experts. The department chair informs the experts that the review is limited to the material provided by the candidate and does not include the question of promotion or tenure. The department chair will provide the experts a cover letter with instructions on the scope of review and the material prepared by the candidate. Department guidelines on promotion and tenure are not sent to the experts. Academic Affairs provides financial support to departments to cover the costs associated with external review.*

3. Free Speech concerns regarding art exhibit (FSEC)

*The Faculty Senate Executive Council note with concern the removal of “A Walk in the Valley” from the opening ceremonies of the Zuckerman Museum. It is the considered view of the FSEC that curatorial independence and academic freedom are fundamental rights. The solution to potentially offensive speech is to counter with true speech rather than remove or delay the display of the offending speech. In a marketplace of ideas, we believe the truth trumps untruth every time they are given a chance to be displayed side-by-side*.

**Information**

1. KSU Day of Service: 4/26/14 (B. Wooten)

The 2014 KSU Day of Service registration page is now available online at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1kG4yRP_OMqeOwylBSucyZeQHrSLLZh06lqlJenu>...

Students, Faculty, Staff and Community Members are all invited to participate in the community service event. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend on the morning of Saturday, April 26, 2014. For questions, please contact the Office of Community Engagement at engageksu@kennesaw.edu or 770-499-3068.

2. Distance Education Task Force Report due on 4/11/14(FSEC)

**Share your views on the future of distance education at**: dmoodie@kennesaw.edu

**COLES**: Doug Moodie (chair), Laura Robinson; **HSS**: Julie Martin, Laura McGrath; **WELLSTAR**: Jane Brannan, Lisa B. Johnson; **EDU**: Lee Digiovanni, Amy Vitala; **UC**: Alison Hedrick, Debra B. Geist; **MS**: Matthew Laposata, Taha Mzoughi; **ARTS**: David Short, Margaret Baldwin

3. Policy on Policies (S. Paraska)

4. Faculty Awards Pay (R. Matson)

5. Owlympics Event – Faculty May Participate! (Staff Senate)

6. KSU National Walking Day – April 30th (F. Spellman)

KSU is hosting an event for National Walking Day on Wednesday, April 30, 11:30am-1:30pm on the Campus Green. We would greatly appreciate it if you three can lead a 30-minute walk as the grand marshals starting at 12PM. Contact: fspellma@kennesaw.edu

7. Soliciting Proposals for Standing Committees at the *new* KSU (K. White)

The OWG No. 69 requests the Faculty Senators of KSU to send to Faculty\_Senate\_President@kennesaw.edu a list of standing committees that are appropriate for a comprehensive university like the *new* KSU.

8. Favorite Books Survey (K. White, E. Silva, K. Harmon)

If faculty members have not already shared their views on their favorite books, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RYCLBXK>

A report on KSU's favorite books will be published to encourage students to read the books faculty love and to encourage faculty to meet and collaborate over a shared interest in books. The KSU Library is also working on supporting faculty's favorite books, as well. Be sure your favorite books are included in this project, which is affiliated with the Book of the Year Project supported by Provost Ken Harmon and created by KSU faculty members, Ernesto Silva and Ken White. The survey will close on April 15th.

9. Attendance Verification Procedures Information (K. West)

Recommended syllabus language: *Students are solely responsible for managing their enrollment status in a class; nonattendance does not constitute a withdrawal*.

**Other Matters Arising**