COLLEGE OF COASTAL GEORGIA

Faculty Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2011

The faculty of College of Coastal Georgia met on Friday, March 25, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in the Science Lecture Room. Dr. Phil Mason, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presided.

**Approval of Minutes – Mrs. Kay Hampton**

Dr. Mason called for approval of the minutes from the February 25, 2011 meeting. A motion was made, seconded and the motion unanimously carried.

**Introduction of Dr. Kevin Mobbs – Dr. Phil Mason**

Dr. Mason introduced Dr. Kevin Mobbs, Coordinator of Instructional Technology. Dr. Mobbs’ office is SB 196A and he addressed the faculty. There are several sandbox trials currently underway and he needs faculty volunteers to rate these trials. Information may be found at coastalga.wikispaces.com.

**Promotion and Tenure Update – Dr. Phil Mason**

Dr. Mason congratulated the following faculty on their recent promotions and/or awarding of tenure:

Holly Sterner and Meribeth Fell – promotion to Assistant Professor

Dr. Kent Layton - awarded tenure

Jeff LeMieux – promotion to Associate Professor and awarded tenure

Diane Denton and Ricky Weaver – promotion to Associate Professor

**Campus Update/Announcements - Dr. Valerie Hepburn**

Dr. Hepburn reported that the new Mathematics and Psychology programs had received Board of Regents approval at their March meeting.

Dr. Hepburn remarked that the dedication of the Miriam and Hugh Nunnally Center for Nursing Education was a great success.

Dr. Hepburn noted that the College is participating with the Educational Task Force as part of the Cannon’s Point Project. Cannon’s Point will become an eco-education natural preserve. This is a very unique project for the college to be involved with.

The Senate will have a budget prepared by Monday, April 4. A 9% reduction in the current base is expected. Tuition and the HOPE Grant are both of concerns. Approximately 25% of our incoming freshmen are HOPE eligible.

Regarding the construction on campus, Dr. Hepburn noted that the House Appropriations Committee approved $7.6 million for a 30,000-square-foot classroom and laboratory facility, which will be the Teacher Education and Learning Center.

Renovations to Academic Commons North and the Jones Building are scheduled to begin in August, 2011.

Recruitment is of first and foremost importance. Beginning summer semester, students will be required to have taken the SAT or ACT prior to being admitted. Dr. Hepburn added that College of Coastal Georgia will not compromise admissions standards.

In May, the college the first group of baccalaureate students will graduate from College of Coastal Georgia.

Seven Compton Scholars have been chosen, six of which will be attending the College of Coastal Georgia.

**Annual Report/Campus Campaign – Elizabeth Weatherly**

Ms. Weatherly distributed copies of the College’s 2010 Annual Report. She added that the forty-five active college Trustees had their recent meeting on campus at the Student Activity Center. Several students who had received Foundation scholarships spoke to the Trustees.

Ms. Weatherly distributed campus campaign donation cards. The College has a goal of $2.5 million. As a part of the fundraising efforts, a special concert by the local group Fat Daddy will be held at the King and Prince on Saturday, April 16. Tax deductible tickets are $30 each.

Dr. Mason added that faculty may direct their donation to Faculty Development, if they so choose. Funds from the Foundation are given to the Vice President for Academic Affairs to be used for Faculty Development. Dr. Mason has requested an increase of these funds for the upcoming year. He plans to award more discretionary funds to the School Deans.

**CCGA 1101 Update – Dr. Phil Mason and Dr. Ann Crowther**

Dr. Mason reported that a committee has been formed which will be charged with reviewing the CCGA 1101 course. Dr. Crowther added that the current CCGA 1101 students had been surveyed, as well as instructors of this type course at other colleges. Learning and General Education objectives and a new course description are being developed and will be presented to the Curriculum Committee. Mid-May to mid-June a syllabus will be fleshed out, and there is a possibility that the College will work with Pearson Publishing Company to format our own textbook.

Nikki Schmauch and Meribeth Fell both came forward to share their perspectives on teaching this course.

**Other Updates – Dr. Phil Mason**

The Coordinator of First Year Experiences position had not been filled and that an in-house solution may be used.

Dr. Mason closed by giving an update on the ongoing faculty searches and the upcoming building renovations

Sharon Bartkovich reminded the faculty that the Seaswells First Copy Program would be held on April 28th. Faculty who would like to volunteer to read a selection at the program are encouraged to contact Ms. Bartkovich.

Sheila Ledford added that the Phi Theta Kappa Professor of the Year/Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 29th in the Student Activity Center.

Also, Phi Theta Kappa will be participating in the Relay for Life on April 15 and 16. Anyone wishing to make a donation is asked to contact Ms. Ledford.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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