DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS
FACULTY MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2007


I. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. on February 26, 2007 in the Conference Room 2603. Dr. Will Lynch presided.

II. Approval of Minutes
The minutes of January 29, 2006 were approved as presented.

III. Old Business
A- Search Update #1 - Dr. Lynch informed the department that an offer has been made regarding search #1 and that, hopefully, by the end of the day we will have good news.

B- Search Update #2 – Dr. Zipperer proceeded to say that the last scheduled visit for candidates will be Wednesday 28/2007. Our last candidate is Dr. Kelemu Woldegirogis and he will be here on campus on Wednesday 28th/2007 for an interview. Dr. Zipperer also asked the faculty to please turn in the evaluations forms as soon as possible.

IV. New Business
i. Committee Reports
1. Assessment Committee – Ms. Carpenter asked Mr. Jaynes to present the Assessment Committee Minutes as information. You may refer to Attachment #1 to view the Minutes. The Committee examined the data from the fall 2006 administration of the General chemistry final exams (ACS Exams). The Committee will forward individual data to the faculty members regarding the performance of their students relative to the course objectives. Ms. Carpenter will compile all the data and then distribute it to the faculty.

2. As a result of the committee’s work linking the course objectives to the exam questions, several recommendations for modifications of the objectives have been identified and those recommendations will be communicated to the 1211/1212 Committee.
ii. ACS Certification Committee – Dr. Hizer – No Report.

iii. Curriculum Committee – 1. The department voted unanimously on standardizing the 4000 level courses, namely CHEM 4100, 4200 and 4300.
   2. The faculty also voted unanimously in adding CHEM 4400 Advanced Physical Chemistry.
   3. In regards to the BS in Chemistry, the department voted unanimously to delete the BS in Chemistry with Teaching Certification.
Please refer to Attachment #2 to view the Curriculum Committee’s Minutes.

iv. Planning Committee – Dr. Lynch reminded the faculty that one of the charges given to the Planning Committee was to prioritize needs from technology and instrumentation. This information was given to Dr. Lynch in order that the rest of the faculty outside of the Planning Committee can give their input. Dr. Lynch will send a memo to the faculty including this information.

v. Safety Committee – Dr. Zipperer presented the Safety Policies for Physics Laboratories for consideration. The main two concerns were eye wear and food. Both items are covered in points 5 and 6 respectively of the Safety Policies. The faculty voted unanimously in favor of adopting the Safety Policies as presented. Please refer to Attachment #3 to view the Safety Policies for the Physics Laboratories.

B. Emeritus Designation – Dr. F. Butler – It was brought to Dr. Lynch’s attention that Dr. F. Butler has officially retired from the University system and that this department is the appropriate department to consider Emeritus Designation for him. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the Emeritus Designation for Dr. F. Butler.

C. Math + Science = Success – Dr. Lynch shared that there is a new Chancellor and he is very interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). The new Chancellor put a group of Presidents together, among them Dr. Jones. From an economic development standpoint, the group is looking at what can be done in the technology area to improve the situation in Georgia. Essentially what they are looking at is that the STEM disciplines double their productivity in terms of the output by the year 2013.

There are 3 areas that may impact the department. 1- For example, last year there were 215 chemistry majors and 67 physics majors in the State. They are looking to double the number of majors in both chemistry and physics by the year 2013.
2- They also want to increase the success in our intro-courses to 75%.
3- They are looking also to start holding workshops for faculty to get together and rethink they way they do general courses.

V. Announcements
   A. Good News.
      1. Susan Stewart just received her Masters in Science from North Carolina
State University and will be officially graduating this May. She also has a new job as a scientist in the dissolving cellulose group at the Rayonier Marketing and Research Center.

2. Bryan Lewis has been accepted in South University.

3. Congratulations are in order to Lea and Clifford Padgett who became the proud parents of baby girl Amy Elizabeth who was born on February 23.

4. We are also proud to congratulate Ms. Mullenax on the huge success of the Science Bowl.

B. Other

The Oyster Roast will be held on March 30 at Skidaway Island at 6pm.

The Southern Atlantic Coast Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) will be meeting on March 23/24/2007.

Ms. Mullenax will let us know the time and place of the meeting. The theme of the talk will be Physics in Education.

VI. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm

cc: Dr. Ellen V. Whitford Vice-President and Dean of Faculty

Dr. Ed Wheeler, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Mark Finlay, Assistant Dean, College of Arts and Sciences