I. **Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon on October 25, 2010 in Room 2502. Dr. Will Lynch presided.

II. **Standing Items**
A- The Minutes from September 22, 2010 were approved as presented.

III. **Monthly Report**
A. Faculty Senate – The Faculty Senate had its meeting on October 18/2010. Among the topics discussed on that day were the following:

1. The survey conducted by the Faculty Welfare Committee on faculty discontent with the summer schedule this past summer. The results of the survey were presented by the chair of that committee. Dr. Thompson thanked the Faculty Senate for making this information available to her and let them know that the information would be taken into account.

Ms. Carpenter, also, made mention of the implementation of a Calendar Committee by Dr. Thompson. A complete list of the members of this committee was e-mailed by Ms. Carpenter to the faculty. Ms. Carpenter encouraged the faculty to let her know of any specific convictions regarding this topic so that she can relay them to the Calendar Committee.

2. Two resolutions were brought up but were postponed till the November meeting so that more information can be obtained. Ms. Carpenter explained that a resolution is a statement of the belief that the Faculty Senate has and if it passes it goes to the President. A resolution may or may not require an action from the President.

   a- The first resolution was regarding the sanctity of academic freedom and was brought up by Erik Nordenhaug, who teaches philosophy. He stated his refusal to participate in the ethics training survey conducted last spring due to the fact that the survey had nothing to do with ethics but with following BOR policy. He did, however, agreed to sign a form saying that he would abide by BOR policy.

   b- The second resolution was regarding making Armstrong’s campus smoke-free. After a discussion of the extent of student involvement, they decided that the resolution...
be postponed until they get the Student Government involved and find out what they would like to do.

3. RPG Report – All of the schools under the University System of Georgia had to meet with the BOR starting last spring and continuing this fall with a plan to improve the RPG, which stands for Retention, Progression and Graduation. The faculty was strongly encouraged to attend the meeting that is scheduled on Friday, October 29/2010 in the Science Center 1402 from 12-1:00pm where they will be discussing this matter.

IV. New Business
A. Committee Reports
   i. Chemistry / Physics Curriculum Committee – The chemistry and physics’ check sheets have been revised and up-dated and will be ready for advisement on November 1, 2010.

   ii. Chemistry Planning Committee – There is a meeting scheduled for November 4, 2010 at 4pm in the Conference Room where the committee will be discussing the instrument list.

   iii. Physics Planning Committee – The committee is still working on the instrument list, which should be ready for submission within the next couple of days.

B. Centralized Advising for Freshman – Mr. Jaynes shared that academic advisement seems to be one of the weakest areas at AASU. The University is presently considering hiring professional advisors who would have masters degrees to take care of advisement. Discussions pertaining to this matter are still being conducted.

C. E-core – The University Curriculum Committee will host a Faculty Forum on e-core at the Student Union Theater Auditorium on Friday, November 5, 2010 from 12-1:00pm. Everyone was strongly encouraged to attend this meeting.

A motion was made to oppose the adoption of AASU becoming an e-core institution. The faculty voted and the result was unanimous to go on record that the Department of Chemistry and Physics strongly opposes AASU becoming an e-core institution.

D. Enrollment to Graduation with SCC – Mr. Jaynes informed the faculty that a discussion with SCC is expected to take place in the near future.

E. CST Space Plan – Discussions regarding the need for more office space and teaching labs, especially physics lab space due to the implementation of studio physics, are still underway. The possibility to convert the geology lab into an introductory physics lab is under consideration, but entails a considerable amount of money. Dr. Lynch will keep the faculty informed as progress develops.
V. Old Business
A- Advising – Advisement begins November 1st all the way through November 19th/2010.

B. Spring 2011 Semester (7 weeks terms?)
1. Dr. Lynch asked the faculty to give some thought to the implementation of a possible 7 week-term semester in spring 2011.
2. Upper level courses - Flyers advertising the upper level courses will be posted within the next few days.

C. Budget 2010-2011 – The faculty was informed about the possibility of purchasing more items before Christmas. Both Drs. Feske and Baird of the respective Chemistry and Physics Planning Committee have already been made aware of this.

D. Administrative Searches
The Dean’s search has been postponed for this year. Most likely, Dr. Nivens will remain as Interim Assistant Dean for another year and she will not be teaching for the Department any more. She, however, has decided to keep advising the students that she currently has.

E. CST Hiring Plan – Faculty Searches
The CST Hiring Plan has been submitted to the President for consideration for some time now but we are yet to hear whether or not she will be supporting it. Please refer to the chart below for the Chemistry and Physics portion of the 2010 CST Hiring Plan Request submitted to the President.

In addition to this, as part of this discussion, discussions with the Dean of the need for staff member to be in charge of instrumentation maintenance in our department. The faculty will be informed about this as soon as we hear something.

CST Hiring Plan-Request October 2010

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Other. CHEM 1200 – The faculty was up-dated on the latest regarding CHEM 1200. Dr. Lynch has been in communication with GA State regarding this matter. GA State implements the California exam, which is mandatory of all students. There is no reference to this test in their official course description addressing the testing issue. GA State offers the test through freshman orientation and approximately once every three weeks. However, he still yet to find out how they can make this test mandatory without and explanation in their course description.

V. Announcements

A. October 29/2010 – Low Country Boil at 6pm at the Bamboo Farms.
B. November 18, 2010 - Coastal Georgia ACS – ACS Coastal Georgia has a meeting at 6:00 pm at Moon River. It will be “Trivia Night”.
C. Nov. 29; Dec. 1 & Dec 3 / Seminars – CHEM 4500, 4991 & 4960
D. Dec. 6 – Department graduation lunch at noon in room 1407.
E. Feb. 5 & Feb. 26/2011 – Science Bowl
F. News
   i. Fred Chang was accepted at the Pre-pharmacy College in Maryland.
   ii. Former AASU student Cierra Boyd is doing well at Columbus State and planning to graduate this year from AASU after transferring coursework back to AASU.
   iii. Daniel Canady stopped by campus; he is presently a Ph.D. student in Dr. Angel’s lab at the University of South Carolina.
   iv. Dr. Eric Werner has finally settled in his new job and is doing very well. Send his regards to everyone.

VI. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm. Next Meeting, Nov. 17

cc: Dr. Anne Thompson, Interim Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Dean of Faculty
Dr. Stephen Jodis, Interim Dean, College of Science and Technology
Dr. Delana Nivens, Interim Assistant Dean, College of Science and Technology