Affirmation of the Faculty Senate Motion: Notification of a Death in the University Community

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Motion(s):

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Resolution:

Be it resolved that the Georgia Southern Faculty Senate affirms that protocols in the approved Faculty Senate Motion: “Notification of a Death in the University Community” should be enforced by the administration.

Rationale:
An email dated November 5, 2018, from the VP for Armstrong and Liberty Campus Operations indicated that it is not part of Georgia Southern protocol to send out a general announcement of employee or student deaths. However, this protocol is in conflict with the Faculty Senate Motion, “Notification of a Death in the University Community” approved by the Senate on October 29, 2007 and approved by the University President on November 14, 2007 which states the following: “an announcement of the death be issued by the President’s Office, subject to the wishes of the individual and family; a notice of details regarding final arrangements be made to the University community should family members wish such details be made public; the counseling center be notified so that adequate staff may be available to help other members of the University community begin the grieving process and provide ways for emotions to be recognized and expressed; the individual’s department head or department representative, after issuing condolence to the family, consult with them about an appropriate form of remembrance/memorial service from the GSU community should the family so desire; University administrators allow family members adequate time to collect the individual’s personal belongings.

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Response:

3/26/2019: The SEC does not approve this motion to go to the floor. The committee found that this issue has previously been asked and answered.