Date: January 18, 2007

Call to Order: The meeting was convened in room 1-303 of the Technology-Enhanced Learning Center. Acting President (Dr.) Tim Hynes called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

Roll Call: Alberg; Bray; Chibbaro; Fulkerson; Gainey; Hatfield (for Abbott); Hendricks, C; Hendricks, R; Holbein (for Harkins); Holland; MacKinnon; Mayer; Moffeit; Murphy (for Dole); Pencoe; Prince; Reber; Rutherford; Ware (for Wilson); Webb.


Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2006, meeting of the Faculty Senate was made by Ware and seconded by Bray. Approved.

Action Items:

Committee I: Undergraduate Academic Program: Chair: Jeffrey Reber

Action Items:
A) College of Arts and Sciences:
   1) Dean’s Office: Global Studies program modification. Voted and approved.
   2) Dept. of Computer Science: program modification, course deletions, and course additions to satisfy ABET and accreditation. Approved.
   3) Dept. of Sociology and Criminology: program modification, course deletions, course additions. Approved.

Information Items: Modification of prerequisites, titles, and the descriptions of courses in the Department of Computer Science, College of Arts and Sciences; modification of courses and/or descriptions of courses in the Department of English and Philosophy, College of Arts and Sciences, were presented to the Faculty Senate.

Committee IX: Graduate Studies: Chair: Jack Jenkins (for Charles Clark)

Information Items:
1) COGS minutes are on-line and available for review.

Announcements:
Acting President (Dr.) Tim Hynes spoke to the issue of budgets and Chancellor Davis’ plan for funding across the university system statewide. Using the University of Delaware research, Davis is looking at the average-credit-hour product. A budget analysis of five other University System of Georgia institutions has validated our claim of continued under-funding at UWG, though Hynes is guardedly optimistic of a move to better funding as “we provide an exceptional return” for the budget here. This 30-page document will be posted online. Much discussion ensued on this issue.

Dr. Hynes addressed that this may be the time to rethink governance issues within our institution. Examples included: Should the Faculty Senate be chaired by faculty? Committee versus Senate primacy on issues? Informal versus formal discussion on future considerations on the direction of UWG?

Dr. Hynes announces that the Campus Climate Survey would be presented at the next meeting of the Faculty Senate (Feb. 2, 2007).

Dr. Hynes wished everyone in attendance an exceptional holiday!

Adjournment: Motion was made seconded by the departure of the members of the Faculty Senate at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Reigner, Executive Secretary.