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 3:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Alberg; Bray; Chibbaro; Clark; Doheny; Espinosa; Fulkerson; Gainey; Harkins; Hendricks, C; Hendricks, R; Holland; Johnson (for Abbott); Kirk; Lloyd; MacKinnon; Mayer; Moffeit; Morris; Mowling; Murphy (for Dole); Ray, Rutherford; Webb; Wilson.

Not in Attendance: Dwight, Pencoe; Prince, Reber, Snipes

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2006, meeting of the Faculty Senate was made. It was approved unanimously.

Action Items:

Committee II: Academic Policies and Procedures: Chair: Kathy Moffeit.

1) Changes in “212 - Policies Governing Textbook Selection and Ordering” were brought before the Faculty Senate. Three items were discussed by the body: ordering of summer textbooks, approval received from professor or department chair before changes in numbers of textbooks ordered, and textbooks authored by professors themselves or immediate family members. Motion was made to accept the policy as rewritten. This motion was voted upon and passed.

Committee VII: Institutional Studies and Planning: Chair: Julie Chibbaro

1) A brief history of the Mission Statement was given. Its creation involved a “somewhat long process” that produced the Bread & Butter Goals and the Aspirations. Dr. Hynes then spoke of the need to review and revise the university’s mission once every ten years. This can be accomplished through a series of open meetings with suggestions, modifications, and clarifications. A clear notion of UWG’s aspirations is needed. The university’s current and future residential considerations are important; also, the inclusion of the role of the general education portion of the curriculum. Yet another consideration is the inclusion of the doctoral programs.

Much discussion followed on the Mission of the University of West Georgia statement itself. In terms of Purpose, questions were raised and discussed as to why Nursing was listed with the three colleges. Answer: Nursing seems to be neither Arts and Sciences nor
Education nor Business. In terms of Values, it was suggested that “commitment” replace the term “value.” A friendly amendment was made to the 2nd bulleted item to change the wording to “Cultivation of a personal environment” and drop the remainder of the line.

Motion was made (MacKinnon) and seconded (Hendricks, R.) to move the Faculty Senate to a Committee of the Whole.

Hendricks, R. then moved that “produced through the commitment of individual faculty and staff” be eliminated from this bullet. A vote was taken by the Committee of the Whole and the motion passed unanimously.

Lloyd moved and Espinosa seconded that “Nursing” as listed in the Values and Purpose sections be deleted. Discussion ensued as to whether Nursing merited “status” as a separate item and whether that gave it credence it does not have. A straw vote was taken to delete all the colleges referenced in the Purpose and Values sections of the Mission Statement.

A discussion was then entered as to adding “ethics” to the italicized introduction to the UWG Mission Statement. After input from the assembly, this suggestion was left hanging and no vote was taken.

Bray moved and Lloyd seconded to move back to a meeting of the Faculty Senate from the Committee of the Whole. It was decided to postpone the action item brought by the Institutional Studies and Planning committee. A new motion was made to bring forth both items passed by the Committee of the Whole. This too passed.

Committee IX: Graduate Studies: Chair: Jill Reddish (for Clark)

Action Items: A) 1 and 2 were both voted upon and passed; B) voted upon and passed.

Other Information Items:

COGS minutes are on-line and available for review.

Tim Hynes announced that meetings for open discussions on changes in the budgeting process made by Chancellor Davis would be announced and held soon.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Bray and seconded by the departure of the members of the Faculty Senate at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Reigner, Executive Secretary.