

STATE UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

MINUTES

GENERAL FACULTY MEETING

Townsend Center

Wednesday, April 23, 2003

I. Call to Order and Welcome: President Beheruz N. Sethna called the meeting to order at 3.02 pm. He thanked the faculty and staff sincerely for their year-long commitment to the review by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Some deadlines are still outstanding but the accreditation visit went remarkably well.

II. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the General Faculty meeting of August 14, 2002 were unanimously approved upon a motion by Dr. John Fuller, seconded by Dr Jeanette Bernhardt.

III. A. Retirement Recognition: Dr. Sethna was joined by the faculty in applauding those colleagues who will retire (or have retired) during the academic year:

Dr. Jeanette Bernhardt, Professor of Nursing after 28 years

Dr. Cletus Bulach, Associate Professor of Ed. Leadership after 10 years

Dr. Pierrette Frickey, Associate Professor of Foreign Languages after 18 years

Dr. Richard Fryman, Professor of Economics after 17 years

Dr. Lee-Jan Jan, Professor of Sociology after 26 years

Dr. Jack Johnson, Professor and Dean of Richards College of Business after 14 years

Dr. Nancy Mims, Professor of Educational Leadership

Dr Glenn Novak, Professor and chair of Mass Communications after 19 years

David Parkman, Vice President for University Advancement after 39 years

B. Special Recognition for Exceptional Leadership during the SACS Review

Dr. Ara Volkan, Professor and Chair of Accounting

Dr. Thomas Hynes, Vice President for Academic Affairs

C. Special Recognition for Mentors of ‘Big Night’- Dr. Andrew Leavitt (Coordinator)

Dr. Wayne Barger

Dr. Daniel Bakos

Dr. John Blair

Dr. Lisa Gezon

Dr. Lynn Maners

Dr. Beheruz N. Sethna

Dr. William Schaniel

Dr. Richard Southall

IV. Faculty and Staff Service Awards – David Parkman, Vice President University Advancement

Mr. Parkman remarked that now he was retiring he would pass the accolade of senior-most member of the University to Professor Mel Steely. As a highlight of this meeting each year he was happy to make the following service awards, made possible by unrestricted gifts to Foundation funds.

Ten Years Service

Hugh Anderson	Facilities- Custodial Services
Sonia Bagby	College of Arts & Sciences
Tina Bennett	Office of the President
Peggy Boston	Facilities Custodial Services
Stanley Caress	Political Science & Planning
Helen Chambers	College of Education
Matthew Clay	College of Education
Florence (Cita) Cook	History
David Draper	Athletics Administration
William Gauthier	Vice President for Business & Finance
Rodney Gibbs	Facilities – Construction
Rayford Gibson	Facilities – Maintenance
Anthony Gillespie	Development & Alumni Services
Price Hall	Information Technology Services
Jane Hill	English
Billy Howard	Facilities – Custodial Services

Kathryn McWhorter	Physical Education
Richard Miller	College of Arts & Sciences
Robert Morris	Educational Leadership & Professional Studies
Edward Murphy	Athletics Administration
Elaine Nugent	Institutional Research & Planning
Patricia Pinkard	College of Arts & Sciences
Stacey Rowland	Distance Learning
Terri Rubino	Human Resources
Robert Sanders	Political Science & Planning
Serprenia Shell	Facilities – Custodial Services
Gregory Stewart	Biology
Ricky West	Facilities – Landscape & Grounds
Jewell Williams	Facilities – Custodial Services
Garth Wilson	Information Technology Services

Twenty Years Service

Thomas Brown	Facilities – Construction
Browning Cheryl	Office of the Comptroller
Sandra Edge	Office of the Registrar
Gene Grizzard	Facilities – Maintenance
Deborah North	Office of the Vice President
Linda Picklesimer	Student Activities
Sylvia Shortt	Student Development

Twenty Five Years

Douglas Almon	Health Services
Charles Beard	Library
Deborah Benefield	Residence Life
J.W. Brown	Facilities – Custodial Services
Julian (Swain) Harris	Public Safety
Donadrian Rice	Psychology
Karen Smith	Mathematics

Bonita Stevens	Office of the Registrar
Walter Wilcox	Information Technology Services

Thirty Years

Timothy Chowns	Geosciences
Gerald Hall	Student Development

Thirty Five Years

William Doxey	English
Willie Wynn	Purchasing Service – Central Warehouse

V. Election of Officers of the General Faculty.

The following nominees were announced and elected by unanimous approval:

Executive Secretary: Tim Chowns, Geosciences (This post to be included as part of the duties of the Executive Secretary of the Senate)

Parliamentarian: Charles (Skip) Clark, History

VI. Vice President's Remarks – Dr. Thomas J. Hynes Jr.

In spite of the SACS review process, which called for the mobilization of the entire university community under the leadership of 100 committee members, and a year that began with severe budget cuts, West Georgia had a great year. Faculty and staff never lost track of our reason for being here: to enhance learning by ourselves, our colleagues and our students. Dr. Hynes expressed his appreciation that amid rapid growth and difficult times we held to our goal of excellence in a personal environment. He looks forward to the continued growth, excitement and adventure that are the essence of the University of West Georgia.

V. Adjournment

Forgoing concluding remarks, Dr. Sethna thanked everyone, reminded them that ballot boxes were open for voting on the Post Tenure Review Appeals Committee, as well as changes to the Statutes and Policies and Procedures, and wished everyone a great summer. The meeting was then adjourned at 3.43 pm.

Submitted,

Tim Chowns, Executive Secretary