Date: October 11, 2002

Call to Order: The meeting was convened in Room 1-301 of the Technology-Enhanced Learning Center. President Beheruz Sethna called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Members Present: Putney (for Bennett); Best; Cook; Taylor, L (for Crenshaw); Frazier; Fryman; Halsall; Hansen; Hulsey; Hunter; Lankford; Walton (for Larkin); MacComb; Payne; Pearce; Reigner; Kunkel (for Schor); Smith, K; Smith, S; Tyler; Vinson; Wang; Yoder.

Approval of the Minutes: The Minutes of the September 13, 2002 meeting were approved as distributed.

Committee Reports:

Graduate Studies: Committee IX (Dean Jack Jenkins, chair)

Dr. Jenkins introduced the approved minutes of the Committee on Graduate Studies for July 24, 2002. There were no questions.

Technology Planning Committee: Committee XI (Ron Hunter, chair)

On behalf of the committee Dr. Hunter introduced a motion to amend the purpose statement of the Committee to read:

“Purpose: To assess and recommend policy and procedures that contribute to the fulfillment of UWG’s technology vision. That vision is “… to integrate information technology into West Georgia’s academic and administrative mission to ensure that students, faculty, staff, and the community are well prepared for life in a knowledge-based and technologically dynamic society.”

This modification will allow the Technology Planning Committee to comply with the SACS Must Statement #368 concerning the regular review of policies.

Dr. Sethna thanked the committee for addressing this matter proactively.

The motion passed unanimously without debate.
Dr. Hunter also circulated a preliminary draft of the “Information Technology Strategic Plan” upon which the committee is still working. He hopes to submit the completed plan for action at the next senate meeting.

Announcements

1. University Club. Dr. Sethna announced that Dr. Walter Todd had sent out announcements about meetings of the University Club. There was to be a meeting at the Fish House that evening (October 11). Dr. John Hansen, chair of the University Matters Committee added that interested faculty and staff were also invited to attend lunch in the Executive Dining Room of the Food Services Building on Tuesday or Thursday (October 15 & 17). Informal Surveys would be passed out to assess our interest. Dr. Sethna thanked the committee for their work.

2. University Name. Dr. Sethna announced that he would approach the Board of Regents about changing the name State University of West Georgia to the University of West Georgia. He explained that this was the original preference of the school, but that Chancellor Portch had insisted that West Georgia and other new universities be designated State Universities. Since that time approval has been received to shorten our acronym from SUWG to UWG, and it is possible that Chancellor Meredith will favor a similar contraction and simplification of our full name. In response to Dr. Sethna’s request for comments or advice, Dr. Burton (seconded by Dr. Hansen) moved a resolution to support a request to the Board of Regents for a change of name to the University of West Georgia. The motion passed unanimously.

3. SACS Report. Dr. Hynes announced that the second report for SACS should be on the Web by October 15. He asked that faculty and staff read, especially, those parts of the report appropriate to their departments and programs. Drs. Volkan, Snyder and Hynes thank the faculty and staff for their soul-searching and candor in the preparation of this report.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Dr. Sethna adjourned the meeting at 3.17 p.m.

Timothy M. Chowns
Executive Secretary, Faculty Senate