Date: April 16, 2004

Call to Order: The meeting was convened in room 1-301 of the Technology-Enhanced Learning Center. President Beheruz N. Sethna called the meeting to order at 3.01 pm.


Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the February, 20th 2004 meeting of the Faculty Senate was made and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Committee I: Undergraduate Academic Programs Committee (Susan Smith, chair) On behalf of the committee Ms. Smith moved the following course changes. Details and rationales for these changes were attached to the agenda for the meeting.

Action Item:
A. College of Arts & Sciences Geosciences
   a) Delete BSES in Earth Sciences

   Passed unanimously without discussion.

Information Items:
A. College of Arts & Sciences
   1. Anthropology
      a) Modify ANTH 3105 - Title
      b) Modify ANTH 4102 - Credit
      c) Modify ANTH 4150 - Credit
      d) Modify ANTH 4160 - Credit
      e) Modify ANTH 4184 - Credit

   2. English & Philosophy
      a) Modify Program - two minors in English
      b) Modify PHIL 3205 - Add prerequisite
      c) Modify PHIL 3301 - Add prerequisite
      d) Modify PHIL 4115 - Add prerequisite & modify description
      e) Modify PHIL 4120 - Add prerequisite & modify description
      f) Modify PHIL 4150 - Add prerequisite & modify description
3. Foreign languages
   a) Modify Program - Course additions & deletions - BA major in French
   b) Add FREN 3100
   c) Delete FREN 3101
   d) Delete FREN 3102
   e) Add FREN 3211
   f) Delete FREN 4040
   g) Add FREN 4150
   h) Delete FREN 4170

The question was posed as to whether or not changes to the French program need to be approved by TEAC. Dr. Hynes volunteered to check into the approval process. The President will delay adding his signature until the answer is ascertained.

B. College of Business
   1. Marketing & Real Estate
      a) Modify RELE 4710 - Number, description & prerequisite
      b) Modify MKTG 4820 - Description & prerequisite

C. College of Education
   1. Physical Education
      a) Modify Program B.S. Recreation - Delete Coaching
      b) Modify Program B.S. Recreation - Delete Individualized Concentration
      c) Modify Program B.S. Recreation - Sport Studies
      d) Modify PHED 2603 - Title, description, prerequisite
      e) Add PHED 2604
      f) Add PHED 3640
      g) Add PHED 3641
      h) Add PHED 4635

   2. Media and Instructional Technology
      a) Modify MEDT 2401 - Prerequisite

   3. Curriculum & Instruction
      a) Modify ECED 3263 - Prerequisite
      b) Modify ECED 4261 - Prerequisite
      c) Modify EDED 4263 - Prerequisite
      d) Modify SEED 4271 - Description

   4. Special Education
      a) Delete SLPA 4705

Committee II: Academic Policies and Procedures (Dr. Charles Clark, chair)
On behalf of the committee Dr. Clark moved approval of the following honors pledge:

Having read the Honor Code for UWG, I understand and accept my responsibility to uphold the values and beliefs described and to conduct myself in a manner that will reflect the values of the institution in such a way as to respect the rights of all UWG community members. As a West Georgia student, I will represent myself truthfully and complete all academic assignments honestly. I understand that if I violate this code, I will accept the penalties imposed, should I be found guilty of violations through processes due me as a university community member. These penalties may include expulsion from the University. I also recognize that my responsibility includes willingness to confront members of the University community if I feel there has been a violation of the Honor Code.

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Signature                                                             Date

In discussion Dr. Reigner asked about the responsibilities of community members who witness a violation of the Honor Code and Dr. Hansen asked about the administration of penalties. Dr. Clark indicated that the committee has not specified penalties. This and other issues are still under discussion. Dr. Hynes explained that an Honors Code is already in place. The pledge merely signifies adherence to the code. Dr. Phillips regarded the pledge as a helpful addition that would increase awareness of the Code and ask students to own to that Code.

Dr. Reigner asked how signatures would be obtained for off campus courses and Dr. Payne asked about storage of pledges. Dr Clark replied that the whole process might be handled on line. In answer to a question from Dr. Jenkins it was noted that graduate students would be included.

The motion passed 22 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Dr. Hynes commended the committee for their work on this difficult topic, and especially Dr. McComb who has worked for over two years on issues related to implementation of the code.

Committee VI: General University Matters (John Hansen, chair)

On behalf of the committee Dr. Hansen moved that:

The present system of vehicle identification by decal be replaced by one using hangtabs.

Dr. Hansen introduced Tom Mackel, director of Public Safety, for the purpose of explaining the proposed system and answering questions. Identification by hangtags suspended from the driver’s mirror will eliminate the need to apply adhesive decals to vehicles and allow drivers to swap tags easily between vehicles. If approved the new system would be instituted in the fall of 2005. The measure has received unanimous support from the student government association and will be more convenient for Public Safety.

Dr. Boldt asked how Public Safety would handle the problem of lost tags. Mr. Mackel replied that replacement tags could be purchased in the same manner as decals. Dr. Best asked how many tags
would be allowed per person. He foresaw problems unless people could purchase more than one tag.

A motion to recommit to the University Matters Committee for consideration of the purchase of additional tags (moved by Dr Boldt, seconded by Dr. Best) was defeated 1 vote in favor, 22 opposed.

The main motion then passed unanimously.

Committee IX, Graduate Studies (Dr Jack Jenkins, chair)

1. Action Item: On behalf of the committee Dr. Jenkins moved to approve the following new degree program:

Arts & Sciences, Ph.D. Psychology (For details see Addendum III of the Agenda)

Dr. Sethna outlined the series of steps, up through the Board of Regents, necessary before a PhD program can be approved and enquired about additional costs required by the implementation of this program. Dr. Hynes cautioned that if the program is approved it will be necessary to consider whether or not library holdings are sufficient for a PhD program.

Drs. Aanstoos and Rice replied that the proposal is a preliminary one. Initially there should be no additional cost. The department already offers many graduate courses that can be utilized by a PhD program. No new equipment is required. Additional faculty might eventually be needed depending on growth of the program.

Mr. McManus disagreed. There would have to be extra expenses. Library holdings are only adequate for undergraduate degrees. The EDD program already takes monies from other departments to support its library needs. The president acknowledged Mr. McManus’ concerns and assured the senate that questions about resources and budget would be thoroughly researched before a final proposal was submitted to the Board of Regents.

Dr. Phillips hailed the addition of a PhD program in Psychology as an important step in the growth of the University.

Following a lengthy discussion the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

2. Action item: On behalf of the committee Dr. Jenkins also moved approval of:

Arts & Sciences, Post Master’s Certificate in Nursing Education

Dr. Crenshaw of Nursing explained that candidates for this certificate would attend the same classes as for the Master’s degree and there would be no additional expenses.
The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Information item:
   Dr. Jenkins presented the minutes of the February 11, 2004 meeting of COGS, as approved March 31, 2004.

   There were no questions

V. Other Business

On behalf of the Ingram Library Senator Smith solicited the endorsement of the senate for the following statement together with its two supporting documents:

*The primary mission of Ingram Library, endorsed by the University Faculty Senate, is to provide services in support of the University community's curricular, research, and information needs. Implicit in such goals are the free and unfettered access to services and information.*

*Ingram Library undertakes, therefore, to develop policies, procedures, and practices in accordance with and upholding the American Library Association's “Library Bill of Rights” and as enunciated in the Association of College and Research Libraries' “Intellectual Freedom Principles for Academic Libraries”.*

Dr. Hynes raised concern about a statement in the American Library Association’s “Library Bill of Rights”:

*II. The library should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues*

Senators will recall from discussion (senate meeting of April 16, 2004) of similar wording in SR 661 Academic Bill of Rights that such wording could be used to bring pressure on the university to provide equal time and resources in support of diverse agendas.

Mr. McManus pointed out that it is the primary purpose of the library to support the curriculum rather than to provide a universal reference. There is no mandate for enforcement in this statement, no requirement to purchase anything. Dr. Reigner reminded the senate that interlibrary loan provides access to limitless resources.

Following discussion the senate voted unanimous approval of the motion.

*Adjournment*

There being no further business or announcements the meeting adjourned at 4.17 p.m.

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Executive Secretary, Faculty Senate