Call to Order: The meeting was convened in the Townsend Center. Dr. Hynes called the meeting to order at 9.05 am. He announced that Dr. Sethna regretted being absent but was delivering his son to university. A summary of Dr. Sethna’s remarks are posted on the Web.

Approval of the Minutes: The Minutes of the General Faculty Meeting of April 30, 2002 were approved unanimously.

A Day for West Georgia: As customary the faculty representative for the “A Day” fund drive, Dr. David Boldt outlined the arrangements for the drive and encouraged the faculty to donate generously. A chart showing the proposed allocation of unrestricted funds was distributed.

EXCEL Center: Ms Cheryl Rice described the efforts which are being made to aid freshmen and other students in their study habits and to improve retention at the University.

Office of Enrollment Management: Dr. Michael Crafton explained ongoing work to manage enrollment at UWG.

SACS Self Study: Dr. Volkan reminded the faculty that representatives of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools will visit campus from January 27-30, 2003. Please make sure that all vitas and course outlines from Summer 2002 through Spring 2003 are posted on appropriate web sites and be available in case Team members wish to interview individual faculty during their visit.

He thanked the president and vice president for their strong support of the SACS reaffirmation process; also Dr. Snyder, committee chairs and members for preparation of an excellent first draft of the self study report. Unit responses are due by September 6 ready for a second draft on September 20. The final draft will be sent to the Visiting Team by October 18. He concluded by thanking the entire UWG Community for their time and effort. “This has been a unique opportunity for all of us to learn about ourselves. I hope that the process we instituted to evaluate ourselves and tell the story of the wonderful things we do will remain with us after the Team leaves our Campus”.

Vice Presidents Remarks: Dr. Tim Hynes addressed four main themes:

1. The University budget is uncertain at present because of regional economic difficulties. However, in the past rumors of economic disaster have often proved to be exaggerated.
2. The SACS study. Dr. Hynes thanked the large number of people who have been involved in drafting this report. The report allows us the opportunity to demonstrate and advertise our many successes.

3. A culture of evidence. Although we know we make an important impact on our students and society, we have never been very good at measuring that success. Periodic systematic assessment is healthy and involves much more than mere bean counting.

4. Strategic Planning & the University Mission. Our aim is to convince our students of the joy, benefits, and satisfaction of life-long learning.

A complete text of the Vice-presidents remarks may be found on the Web.

**Adjournment:** Dr. Hynes reminded faculty to register their votes for members of the Post-Tenure Review Appeals Committee and adjourned the meeting at 9.50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

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Secretary