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
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