

Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2012

Dean's Conference Room, Pafford

In attendance: Chris Aanstoos, Stan Caress , Jim Dillon, Pam Hunt, Tom Hunter, Kay Marden, Soo Moon, Brad Yates

1. Called to order at 10:33 a.m.
2. Motion to approve minutes of 8-23-12 meeting; seconded; approved unanimously
3. Consideration of proposals for organizational schemas for Faculty Council (see Appendix
 - a. C. Aanstoos set forth proposal for internal organizational structure of FC for more efficiency
 - b. J. Dillon proposed we set our goals for the year.
 - c. C. Aanstoos argued we have the opportunity to shape the structure of the college and Dean is open for us to be a part of building of college. Also, we have to cushion the blows from the impending budget cuts. And, we want to be sure we have a role in the process of selecting a new president of the university
 - d. Discussion ensued.
 - e. All considered the three (3) options in Appendix of agenda. Most favored first option.
 - f. Motion made to accept internal organizational structure (option 1); seconded; approved (7 in favor; 1 abstention)
 - g. Sub-Committee Members selected for each area:
 - i. Academic Affairs-J. Dillon; P. Hunt; K. Marden
 - ii. Planning-C. Aanstoos; C. Jenks; B. Yates
 - iii. Faculty Development- S. Caress; T. Hunter; S. Moon
4. C. Aanstoos shared announcements
 - a. 4 out 5 proposals approved sent forth to the Administrative Council were approved, including 1) FC will distribute Faculty Research Grants; 2) Modifications to Mentoring Program; 3) Workload modifications dealing with large classes; and 4) Make up of Promotion & Tenure Committee at the College level
 - b. The Master's in Urban Planning is still being offered up to the Provost as a potential program to cut, but the Administrative Council is reconsidering
 - c. The Organizational Development program in Psychology was not accepted as a potential program to offer up to the Provost as a potential program to cut; C. Aanstoos argued we should keep pushing to have the OD program take the place of Urban Planning.
 - d. COSS Election results:
 - i. Kay Marden-Technology Committee (sub-committee of Faculty Senate)
 - ii. Sara Phillips-Faculty Development Committee (sub-committee of Faculty Senate)
 - iii. Mark Kunkel-At-Large Member of COSS Promotion & Tenure Committee
 - iv. Stan Caress-Past Chair-Faculty Council

- e. Presidential Search Committee
 - i. A major minus is the gender make-up of the committee
 - ii. A major positive is the chair of the campus committee
 - iii. C. Aanstoos thinks FC should have a role and work with the search committee in some capacity; perhaps to interview candidates and write evaluations
- 5. Consideration of a proposed “College for a Day” (see Appendix 2) (TABLED)
- 6. Consideration of proposals for COSS’ Studies in the Social Sciences (see Appendix 3)
 - a. C. Aanstoos met with Paul Rutledge, editor of SinSS, to offer suggestions
 - b. Editor P. Rutledge and Associate Editor P. Hunt met with Dean and garnered support from Dean to help with online presence of the journal
 - c. C. Aanstoos suggested the journal have a “print on demand” option so that a hard copy of the journal exists
 - d. Elements that must be determine included how many issues per year; how student-authored pieces are treated; are faculty-authored pieces only within the university or outside university, etc.
 - e. C. Aanstoos recalled the first iteration of the journal from years back that featured a rotating editor from different departments; the journal was interdisciplinary across time but discipline specific for each separate issue.
 - f. A journal progress report will be shared in the October meeting
- 7. Consideration of proposed course and program modifications (see web site)
 - a. POLS 3102-Gender and Politics
 - i. Noted a revised description (shortened)
 - ii. Passed unanimously
 - b. Sociology-proposal to eliminate pre-sociology major
 - i. P. Hunt noted with this change students may declare Sociology as their major as freshman
 - ii. Passed unanimously
 - c. BA in Area F for POLS changes
 - i. Courses that are no longer taught deleted
 - ii. New requirements include POLS 2201 (State & Local Government) and POLS 2601 (Political Science Methods I)
 - iii. Listing course options generically and lumping them together so students can choose 4 courses (12 hours) in Area F; requiring Foreign Language 2001-2002
 - 1. Dillon asked if we needed BOR approval before we can vote on them
 - 2. New proposal in line with BOR guidelines
 - 3. Passed unanimously
 - d. B.S. Area F for POLS changes
 - 1. Condensing and streamlining Area F requirements
 - 2. Listing course options generically and lumping them together so students can choose 6 courses (18 hours) in Area F
 - 3. Passed unanimously
- 8. Consideration of the proposed mission and goals statement for the College (see Appendix 4)

- a. The Faculty Council approves the draft of the *Mission, Vision, Goals and Action Steps* statement from the COSS Strategic Planning Committee and recommends its approval by the Administrative Council, with the following proposed revisions:
 - i. EDITING TO THE VISION STATEMENT: COSS will be a recognized leader in creating a collaborative learning and research culture, promoting community engagement, attracting an increased proportion of talented and passionate students and faculty. COSS will provide distinctive and sought out programs and graduates, leading to an expanded and diversified resource base.
 - ii. ADDITIONS TO THE ACTION STEPS:
 - 1. ACTION STEP 2.c. *To enhance students' awareness of global issues, promoting their understanding of such concerns within broader social, political and cultural frameworks.*
 - 2. ACTION STEP 2.d. *To cultivate advanced oral and written communication skills of students.*
 - 3. ACTION STEP 4.d. *To effectively utilize campus media (UTV13, The West Georgian, The WOLF Internet Radio) and the student-managed public relations firm to promote and showcase academic success and extracurricular endeavors to the campus, alumni, and global communities.*
9. Consideration of procedures for awarding of Faculty Research Grants (see Appendix 5)
- a. B. Yates asked about matching dollars for FRG; C. Aanstoos was going to revisit the inquiry with the Dean
 - b. Faculty Development subcommittee will work with Dean
 - i. Dollars need to be spent this fiscal year
 - ii. By October there needs to be a draft of the guidelines
 - iii. Funding will be distributed in January
10. Consideration of procedures for theses and dissertations (see Appendix 6)
- a. C. Aanstoos suggested the FC endorse the proposal on the table
 - b. Motion to accept proposal; seconded; passed unanimously
 - c. The Faculty Council approves of the proposal from the COSS Directors of Graduate Study to modify the rules regarding composition of committees for theses and dissertations, and recommends its approval by the Administrative Council, as follows: "... to allow one member of the three person dissertation of thesis committee to be selected from outside the University of West Georgia. This third member must have a doctorate in a related field and must be willing to serve on the committee without compensation, and must provide consent in writing to this effect. Department chairs and committee chairs will each be responsible for vetting and authorizing the selection of a third reviewer. Non-UWG committee members may participate in person or virtually through the use of audio or video communication technologies, such as Skype."
11. Consideration of a proposal for an associate degree (see Appendix 7) (TABLED)
12. Additional Business: Do we support accepting 2 credits from personal wellness courses as electives in our respective degree programs?

- a. Noted that we need a stated policy
- b. J. Dillon pointed out that PWLA 1600 has academic rigor
- c. Other PWLA courses (activity courses) would not count
- d. Motion to approve PWLA 1600 may count toward graduation; seconded; passed unanimously

13. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Yates