

Minutes
Meeting of the Faculty Council
January 30, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Pafford 111

1. Call to order 9:05 a.m.

In attendance: Greg Dixon, Brad Yates, Tom Hunter, Pam Hunt Kirk, Ashley Smallwood, Jeanette Diaz, Winston Tripp, Mike Johnson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from November 2014 meeting; seconded; approved unanimously. Minutes kept on FC website:

http://www.westga.edu/coss/index_172.php

NEW BUSINESS

1. Course and Program Modifications

COURSES

POLS 6290 modification to course title from Practicum/Assessment Center to Practicum and Assessment. **Approved**.

PSYC 7650 modification to course credit hours. To become 4 credit hours rather than 3 credit hours. The course will be 4 lecture credit hours (no lab). **Approved** pending change (currently listed as 3 in submission – to 4)

PROGRAMS

Sociology modification to program description – to allow for online track in current undergraduate program. **Approved** pending removal of line

2. Highlights from Administrative Council

Victoria Beaver is ready to assist people setting up online courses. Contact her at ssd-vbeaver1@westga.edu

Mary Hart, COSS Development Officer, will advocate for the departments during the Capital Campaign. Everyone should be involved with cultivating relationships and engaging alumni. We should not, however, ask for money. She should be called in first. She works mainly on larger (25k) gifts but will also do smaller 10-15k ones.

Chris Bounds (CRIM), UWG Prior Learning Assessment Coordinator, is meeting with departments and all should have credit-by-portfolio courses to offer by May 2.

Courageous Conversations will build on the success of the last one. The conversation will be about racism. Next one: Wednesday, Feb. 25, Campus Center Ballroom.

The summer school budget and schedule is still in flux.

For the Chamber of Commerce event on March 12, department chairs and faculty with community relationships should attend.

Aspects of strategic planning will be discussed at the LDI.

There is a need for faculty to teach in Newnan.

3. College Elections

Roles Needed:

- Acting Chair for Fall 2015 (we can name from current body or outside; no election needed)
- Rotating off – Mass Comm; Political Science (3 year) and one from PSYC for interim (Fall 2015) – all to be decided by these departments
- Chair-Elect (3 year commitment) - election
- Waiting for list from Senate regarding Senate committee needs – election
- **Waiting to hear - Might** need COSS at-large Senator – would be a needed election (if needed)
- Tenure and promotion committee – at-large member – election
- Any proposed changes in Bylaws and/or P&P – votes needed in election ballot

Election Committee – none; Pam will generate survey and give access to Erin Brannon to determine respondent eligibility to vote

Election Timetable – depend on committee list needed from Senate

OLD BUSINESS –

Make some notes on what might be ideal in particular situations/in particular departments regarding workload

a. **Planning Committee** (Yates, Kirk, Johnson): Draft Strategic Plan updates text for next meeting.

b. **Academic Affairs Committee** (Smallwood, Dixon, Diaz): Draft text about Bylaw updates for next meeting -

c. **Faculty Development Committee** (Hunter, Kay (for Moon), Tripp): Draft text about P&P updates for next meeting

Date of next meeting will be February 27 2015 at 10am.

Move to adjourn at 11:00am.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Hunt Kirk

