

GENERAL FACULTY MEETING

Minutes

Spring Semester

May 2, 2017, 2 p.m.

Campus Center Ballroom

Approved August 2, 2017

- ❖ Dr. Micheal Crafton convened the meeting at 2:01 p.m.
 - Provost Crafton began by referencing the slide show of images depicting scenes from around campus this academic year. He discussed OneUWG, which would serve to bolster UWG's community. Dr. Crafton also shared the idea of raising money for a discretionary fund reserved for those in financial need.
 - Minutes from the fall 2016 General Faculty meeting were unanimously approved.
- ❖ Senate Chair Julia Farmer then presented Senate business:
 - Dr. Farmer proposed two modifications to the description of Senate sub-committees, which had been previously approved by the Senate:
 - The Director of Assessment will also serve on the Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Committee
 - Cathi Jenks's title was corrected on the Institutional Planning Committee

These modifications were approved unanimously via voice vote.

 - Finally, Julia announced that voting for the Parliamentarian of the Senate and General Faculty, Chair-Elect of the Senate, and the Post-Tenure Review Appeals Committee would be held online.
- ❖ President Kyle Marrero addressed the faculty, sharing, first, news related to the budget for AY 2017-18.
 - UWG will see its largest budget increase in the history of the institution this coming AY:
After monies from a tuition increase (2% undergraduate and 2 ½ % graduate, which will produce \$1.05 million); growth recurring revenue (\$2.785 million); and state allocation (\$3.733 million), UWG will be able to fund all prioritized positions in Tiers 1-4. Also, with the state appropriation and our additional funds we will be able to invest for a full 2% merit raise, 88% CUPA for faculty, and \$648,000 dedicated to

staff equity. Finally, budget allocation and growth funds will provide UWG with an approximate 82 more full-time positions for AY 2017-18, as prioritized in the budget.

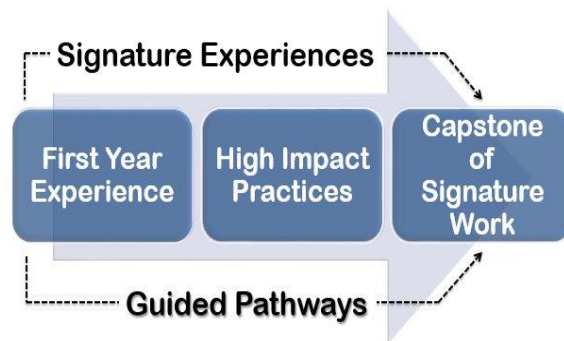
- President Marrero referenced institutional achievements from AY 2016-17:
 - UWG saw record enrollment for the 7th year in a row; the highest four-year graduation rate in our history; the highest average incoming first-year student GPA in our history; largest number of scholarships awarded in our history; and funds raised.
 - The Engage West! survey had an 80% participation rate
 - UWG successfully launched Protect Our Pack, designed to increase campus awareness and participation in safety efforts.
 - UWG's Bike Share program saw the highest national use rate (per membership) in its first three months

- Kyle then outlined the objectives of the Comprehensive Administrative Review Committee at the system level:

Dr. Marrero indicated the body's purpose is to examine the scope of expenditures for administrative services and to determine if and where efficiencies and effectiveness could be gained. Any recognized savings opportunities could be redirected to direct instruction, student support services, and/or direct savings to students. This committee will be informed by other system work such as Texas A & M's similar study and will make use of a consultancy. Dr. Marrero will serve as chair of this system-level steering committee, working alongside other colleagues from around the state.

❖ Provost Crafton provided an update from Academic Affairs concerning LEAP West.

- Crafton first outlined a possible model that would comprise Signature Experiences in high-quality First-Year Experiences and via High Impact Practices in courses, culminating in a focused, guided capstone project for students (see figure below):



- Dr. Crafton then lauded Dr. Chris Jett’s research, which examines the performance of African American males in Mathematics. Dr. Jett seeks to identify potential black males for the teaching profession. With his NSF grant, he hopes to influence policy initiatives and promote systemic change that makes high school and college a more racially inclusive space.
- ❖ Dr. Marrero presented a summary of the Engage West! results.
- ❖ The General Faculty, Staff, and senior administrators honored UWG’s Regents Awards nominees, those tenured and/or promoted, and retirees:
 - UWG Regents Nominees
 - *Regents’ Teaching Excellence Award*
 - Matt Varga, Communication Sciences & Professional Counseling
 - *Regents’ Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award*
 - Rebecca Harrison, English and Philosophy
 - *Regents’ Excellence Award for Online Teaching*
 - Adriana D’Alba, Educational Technology & Foundations
 - *Regents’ Teaching Excellence Award for Program/Department*
 - Counselor Education Program
 - Promoted /or Tenured Faculty, by College
 - College of Arts and Humanities
 - Promoted to Professor
 - David Collins, Art
 - Margaret Mitchell, English
 - Meg Pearson, English
 - Julia Farmer, Foreign Languages & Literatures
 - Carol Gingerich, Music
 - Tenured, Promoted to Associate Professor
 - Mark School, Arts
 - Betsy Dahns, Foreign Languages & Literatures
 - Jeffrey Zamostny, Foreign Languages & Literatures
 - Promoted to Senior Lecturer
 - Katherine Chaple, English
 - Crystal Shelnut, English
 - College of Education
 - Promoted to Professor:

- Brent Heidorn, Sport Management, Wellness, and Physical Education
 - Tenured, Promoted to Associate Professor
 - Lama Farran, Communication Sciences and Professional Counseling
 - Julia Whisenhunt, Communication Sciences and Professional Counseling
 - Melissa Johnston, Educational Technology and Foundations
 - Mary Alice Varga, Leadership, Research, School Improvement
 - Diana Mindrila, Leadership, Research, School Improvement
- College of Science and Mathematics
 - Promoted to Professor
 - Megumi Fujita, Chemistry
 - Promoted to Associate Professor:
 - Christopher Berg, Geosciences
 - Tenured, Promoted to Associate Professor
 - Andrew Edelman, Biology
 - Nguyen Si Hoang, Mathematics
 - Jung Eun Hong, Geosciences
 - Christopher Jett, Mathematics
 - Kyunghee Moon, Mathematics
 - Promoted to Senior Lecturer
 - David Boatright, Chemistry
- College of Social Sciences
 - Promoted to Professor
 - Neema Noori, Sociology
 - Promoted to Associate Professor
 - Vanessa Griffin, Criminology
 - Marie-Cecile Bertau, Psychology
 - Tugçe Kurtis, Psychology
 - John Roberts, Psychology
 - Tenured, Promoted to Associate Professor
 - Ashley Smallwood, Anthropology
 - Don Kay, Mass Communications
 - Tenured
 - Jeffrey Reber, Psychology
- Richards College of Business
 - Promoted to Professor
 - Yujie Wei, Marketing and Real Estate
 - Promoted to Associate Professor
 - Jeannie Pridmore, Management
 - Susana Velez-Castrillon, Management
 - Tenured, Promoted to Associate Professor
 - Linxiao Liu, Accounting and Finance
 - Promoted to Senior Lecturer
 - Monica Smith, Management
 - Samantha White, Management
- Tanner Health System School of Nursing
 - Promoted to Associate Professor
 - Amy Farmer

- Tenured, Promoted to Associate Professor
 - Mary Bishop
 - Cynthia Brown
 - Ingram Library
 - Promoted to Associate Professor
 - Andrea Stanfield
 - Tenured, Promoted to Associate Professor
 - Jean Cook
 - Blynne Olivieri
- Retirees, by College
 - Tanner Health System School of Nursing
 - Michelle Byrne
 - Cindy Epps
 - Laurie Ware
 - Ingram Library
 - Lorene Flanders
 - Shirley Lankford
 - College of Education
 - Susan Boes
 - Meg Cooper
 - Donna Harkins
 - College of Social Sciences
 - Don Rice
 - College of Science and Mathematics
 - Bobby Powell

❖ Dr. Crafton adjourned the meeting at 3:14, and a reception followed

Respectfully Submitted,

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Associate Professor

Secretary of the Faculty Senate and General Faculty