

GENERAL FACULTY MEETING

Fall Semester, 2012

Wednesday, August 15th

Townsend Center

9:00 AM, Reception 8:30 AM

Approved April 17, 2013

I. Call to Order, Welcome, and Opening Remarks to Faculty—Dr. Beheruz N. Sethna, President

With a welcome to returning and new faculty, Sethna highlighted university achievements including having met published benchmarks for becoming a Carnegie Doctoral Research University (though he pointed out that Carnegie is still a few years away from formalizing anything for 2015) and attaining the status of a SACS Level VI University. An overview of our academic progress and new buildings and building projects in progress was provided. Some of the challenges we face include continued budget restraints. Top priorities for the academic year will be a focus on Complete College Georgia (CCG) as well as an effort to address faculty and staff salaries. A study will be completed that should provide data that highlights the need for competitive salaries.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes was seconded and the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

III. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Remarks—Dr. Michael Horvath

Policies and procedures for graduate studies have been revised at multiple levels and the forms for implementing these changes were written to assist in this movement. Horvath's Office will be in full cooperation with the goals of CCG.

IV. Discussion ListServ—Goals and Uses—Dr. Jeff Johnson

The following email Lists have been created: all-faculty@westga.edu and all-staff@westga.edu for official business, discuss-uwg@westga.edu for announcements of potential interest to staff and faculty, and ask-admin@westga.edu for questions directed to university administration. List membership enrollment and procedures related to membership were outlined.

V. Promotion and Tenure Guidelines Revisions—Dr. Jeff Johnson

The Faculty Senate moved that the General Faculty approve revisions to the Faculty Handbook-Promotion and Tenure, Section 103. A motion was accepted from the floor and seconded.

The motion was approved by voice vote with a show of hands confirming the voice vote.

- VI. **Go West for A Day—Dr. Joey Smith and Ms. Melanie Hildebrandt**
- VII. **UWG Ombuds Program—Dr. John Fuller and Ms. Patricia Pinkard**
- VIII. **American Association of University Professors (AAUP)—Dr. Jesus Salvador Peralta**
- IX. **SACS and QEP Update—Dr. Jon Anderson**
- X. **Closing Remarks—Dr. Beheruz N. Sethna, President**

Sethna announced his retirement from his position of President at the end of FY 2013 (June 30, 2013) and will continue at UWG in his capacity as Professor of Business Administration. The Board of Regents will oversee the search for a new President and the transition. . He plans to remain fully engaged with the goals and mission of the university. Following his statement of commitment to continued engagement during his final year as president, the attending faculty and staff responded with a standing ovation.

- XI. **Adjournment**