

GENERAL FACULTY MEETING

Fall Semester, 2011

Wednesday, August 17th

Townsend Center

9:00 a.m.

Approved April 18, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Dr. Beheruz N. Sethna, President

Welcoming words by Dr. Sethna focused on the qualities that identify UWG as a Destination University. Exemplary examples of our past, present, and the vision for the future were highlighted. Challenges in the new academic year will be to address budget restraints and improve political and social perceptions of higher education. The Chancellor's agenda includes changes in performance expectations, a performance-funding model, and partnerships. Dr. Sethna echoed Chancellor Hank Huckaby's call for meeting the challenge of improved retention, progression, and graduation of students (RPG). Dr. Sethna stated that RPG is critically important for the success of our academic mission. Faculty and students were thanked for their extensive contributions to continued excellence through service and dedication.

1. Approval of Minutes—April 28, 2011

Dave Jenks moved that the minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded. With no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved by voice vote.

2. 2011 UWG Regents' Teaching Excellence Awards—Dr. Michael Horvath

Dr. Marjorie Snipes, Department of Anthropology

Faculty from the Educational Leadership Program

- Dr. Margie Dam
- Dr. May Hooper
- Dr. Andy Nixon

3. President's Special Commission on Increasing Graduation Rates—Dr. Scot Lingrell and Dr. Myrna Gantner

Committee identified the following areas that impact graduation rates:

- Academic advising
- Student/faculty engagement
- Courses with high failure rates
- Data on entering students who are at risk
- Barriers to progression

Recommendations for addressing these areas have been submitted to Dr. Sethna for review and action

4. Go West for *A Day*—Dr. Brad Yates and Ms. Melanie Hildebrandt

5. UWG Ombuds Program- Dr. John Fuller and Ms. Patricia Pinkard
6. AAUP – Dr. Jesus Salvador Peralta
7. SACS and QEP Update – Dr. Jon Anderson
8. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Remarks—Dr. Michael Horvath
Dr. Horvath is committed to serving UWG by:
 - Advocating for the academic community.
 - Helping to build upon the existing academic foundation
 - Initiating and supporting new programs
 - Growing the campus through strengthening RPG and graduate studies
 - Coordinating diverse goals, e.g., planning, budget, assessment
 - Operating with transparency
 - Promulgating the exemplary and worthy activities of UWG
9. Closing Remarks - Dr. Beheruz N. Sethna, President

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.