

# University of West Georgia

## Faculty Senate Meeting

September 10, 2010

Approved October 8, 2010

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was convened in room 1-303 of the Technology-enhanced Learning Center. The meeting was called to order by Chris Huff, the Chair of the Senate, at 3:05 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call:

*Present:* Aanstoos, Anderson, Ashford, Austin, Barnhardt, Baumstark, Baylen, Carter, Chowns, Cook, Crean, Deng, Donohoe, Gordon, Hasbun, Hatfield, Jackson, Jenks, Kang, Lane, Mbaye, Ogletree, Pencoe, Ringlaben, Rollins, Rutledge, Smith, Williard  
*Absent:* Burton, DeFoor, deNie, Hodges, Hooper, Khan, Morris, Payne, Shook

### 3. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the April 23, 2010 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved by voice vote with no objection.

### 4. Senate Orientation

Chris Huff asked all Senators to introduce themselves. Then he provided a summary of Senate operation, emphasizing: its roles in shared governance and faculty governance, and as the interface between faculty and administration. He noted the flow of work starting with committees then to the Senate meetings. He also urged Senators to remember their role as conduits both from Senate to their faculty colleagues and from colleagues to Senate.

### 5. Committee Reports

#### Committee I: Undergraduate Academic Programs

##### Action Item

The following proposal from the Department of Geosciences was presented by Tamra Ogletree, the Chair of the committee:

A.1.a. To modify the Environmental Studies Program.

It was noted in discussion that the Program Request Form was missing its last page, and so included only modifications 1-5, and it was not clear what additional modifications might have been omitted from the form as presented to Senate. A motion was made to approve only modifications 1-5, and to resubmit for later approval any additional modifications that had been omitted.

This motion was approved by voice vote with no objection.

## **Committee IX: Graduate Studies**

### Action Item

The following proposals from the College of Education were presented by David Jenks, the Chair of the committee:

- A.1.a. To modify the Initial Certification/Post-Baccalaureate-Secondary Political Science.
- A.1.b. To modify the Initial Certification/Post-Baccalaureate-Secondary English

The motion was made to accept both proposals and it was approved by voice vote with no objection.

### Information Items

The following information item was presented by David Jenks:

- A. The language in the current (2009-2010) catalog on the policy on minimum GRE scores (pp. 53-54) was removed. Such policy can still be established by individual departments and/or programs, but will no longer be the university-wide policy.

## **6. Old Business**

No old business was brought to the Senate.

## **7. New Business**

### Action Item

- A. Nominations and Election of Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Chris Huff announced that the term of the Senate's Executive Secretary had expired, thanked Chris Aanstoos for his service in that role last year, and opened the floor for nominations. He noted that Dawn McCord was willing to serve and nominated her. Hearing no other nominations, it was moved to close nominations, and this motion was accepted without objection. It was then moved to elect McCord by acclamation, and this motion was accepted without objection.

### Information Item

- A. A question was raised by John Carter concerning email discussions underway about the proposed revision to the academic calendar. Members of the Academic Policies and Procedures Committee noted that these proposals (made by the VPAA office) are to be considered by their committee, which will recommend all calendar changes to the Senate, and only then will the calendar be changed.

## **8. Announcements**

A Jon Anderson, associate VPAA, presented three items:

1. The VPAA office has been preparing a proposal to submit to the Senate concerning changes to the academic calendar. Their proposal will include setting the calendar four years in advance, so that entering freshmen will be able to better project their entire matriculation at UWG, in the hope that this will assist in the university's RPG efforts. Considerable discussion ensued concerning different possibilities about the length of a semester. Senators were urged to consult the BOR website for its parameters, to discuss the issue with colleagues, and to bring suggestions to the Senate's Academic Policies and Procedures Committee.
2. Anderson also noted that BOR mandated academic program review will be underway this year, and noted the possibility of an ad hoc committee spear-heading this initiative. Chris Huff asked that standing committees of the Senate be utilized in this effort.
3. Anderson also presented the continuing initiative of the VPAA office in the development of a Quality Enhancement Plan, and asked faculty to submit ideas for the central topic that would govern it. These ideas are due by October 1, and will then be considered by the Senate's Institutional Studies and Planning Committee.

## **9. Adjournment**

Without objection the meeting was declared adjourned at 4:04 p.m.