

University of West Georgia Faculty Senate Meeting

January 22, 2010
Minutes
Approved February 19, 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 Chair pro-tem Chris Huff at 3:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Anderson, Ashford, Baumstark, Baylen, Boldt, Chowns, Cook, Crean, Donohoe, Epps, Hancock, Hasbun, Hatfield, Hazari, Huff, Kang, Luken, McCord, Mbaye, Ogletree, Payne, Rollins, Shook, Snipes, Yoder (substituting for Hodges).

Absent: Austin, DeFoor, Elman, Hooper, Packard.

3. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the December 11, 2009 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved by voice vote with no objection.

4. Committee Reports

Committee I: Undergraduate Academic Programs

The following proposals were presented to the Senate by Jean Cook, in place of the Committee's Chair.

A.1.a. add BIOL 3010. This motion was approved by voice vote.

A.2.a. modify B.A. in Foreign Languages. This motion was approved by voice vote

A.3.a. modify Mass Communications program. This motion was approved by voice vote.

A.4.a-b. add MUSC 4944 and add MUSC 4945. This motion was approved by voice vote.

B.1.a-d. add MGED 4261L, 4264L, 4265L, 4271L. This motion was approved by a vote of 11 yea, 8 nay.

C.1.a. delete MGNT 3617. This motion was approved by voice vote.

Information items A.1.a-c were presented (modification of MGED 4261, 4265, 4271).

Committee II: Academic Policies and Procedures (Janet Donohoe, Chair)

The following proposals were presented by Donohoe:

A. Proposed changes to the Undergraduate Catalog concerning declaration of a major by the time a student reaches 60 hours. This motion was approved by voice vote.

B. Proposed changes to Faculty Handbook Section 103.06, Instruments for Evaluating Teaching: proposal to move teaching evaluations to an online system. Considerable discussion ensued, especially concerning expected response rate and expected

representativeness of sample, and the question of extant or possible research on these issues, including the use of the proposed pilot study for the implementation program for such. A motion was made to postpone consideration until after the results of the pilot study are available. This motion to postpone was approved by voice vote.

- C. Proposed revisions for the University Student Evaluation Instrument (proposed changes that were placed before the Senate last year). In the ensuing discussion, it was proposed to amend the wording of one question, SCQ #5, changing “Avidly” to “actively.” This change was agreed without objection. The proposal was then approved by voice vote.
- D. Proposed questions for on-line courses. After discussion, it was agreed by the committee to withdraw this motion to refer it back to the committee for further revisions.

Committee XI: Technology Planning Committee (Danilo Baylen, Chair)

Baylen submitted the final draft of the 2010-2015 IT Strategic Plan to the Senate for its review and subsequent approval.

5. Old Business

No old business was proposed.

6. New Business

- A. Correction of the Faculty Senate minutes of November 13, 2009, to include the following course deletions that were approved at that meeting: EDLE 6388, 6389, 6390; MGED 8282, 8283, READ 7260, 7282, SEED 7254, 7282, 7287, 7294, 7295, 7296, 8282, 8283. The motion was approved by voice vote.

7. Announcements

- A. Vice-President Sandra Stone presented a summary of the input gathered concerning the diversity project at UWG. The three top issues from the input are: 1) to better recruit and hire minority faculty; 2) to hold dialogues on sensitive and controversial topics, facilitated by trained facilitators; 3) to increase the range of cultural and ethnic programs and activities on campus.
- B. President Beheruz Sethna presented three announcements:
 - 1. Funding from the state of Georgia continues to deteriorate, so further budget cuts are expected, and that such future cuts may require structural changes. He asked that ideas for such changes be sent to the Senate’s Budget Committee (David Boldt, chair).
 - 2. It would be beneficial to increase the “branding” of UWG, and that ideas for doing so should be sent to the Branding Committee (Minna Rollins, chair)
 - 3. The forthcoming NCAA report on the UWG athletic program includes a list of violations and sanctions; questions or concerns should be sent to Vice President Ruffner.
- C. Chair Pro-Tem Chris Huff had three announcements:

1. Senators that they could make use of the FS-ALL@westga.edu email address to send email to all Senators.
2. The Faculty Council of the University System of Georgia (USGFC) has reported to the vice chancellor their concerns about the ADP system. Both Huff and Sethna noted that there are also additional concerns.
3. A special meeting of the general faculty will be called in the next month or so, to vote for the final approval of the proposed By-Laws changes approved last year by the Senate.

8. Adjournment

Without objection the meeting was declared adjourned at 5:02 p.m.