

University of West Georgia
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes—Approved by Faculty Senate, Feb. 27, 2015

January 23, 2015

1. Call to order: the meeting convened in room 1-203 of the Technology-enhanced Learning Center and was called to order by Elizabeth Kramer, Chair, at 3:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present

Nancy Penco (substituting for Banford), Basu-Dutt, Blair, Boldt, Butler, Connell, DeFoor, Amy Cuomo (substituting for Elman), Erben, Farmer, Farran, Faucette, Geisler, Gerhardt, Griffith, L. Haynes, Insenga, C. Johnson, Keim, Lopez, Mbaye, McCord, McCullers, McKendry-Smith, Meg Pearson (substituting for L. Miller), Mindrila, Ogletree, Remshagen, L. Robinson, C. Schroer, Seay, Stanfield, Steere, Velez-Castrillon, Webb, Welch, Williams, Willox, Woodward, Yates

Absent

DeSilva, McGuire, Neely, J. Roberts, Skott-Myhre, Tekippe, Xu

3. Minutes: a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of December 5, 2014.

Item approved unanimously by voice vote.

4. Committee reports

Committee I: Undergraduate Programs Committee (Julia Farmer, Chair)

Action Items:

A) College of Arts and Humanities

1) Department of History

a) Course: HIST 3319 The Making of Modern Africa, 1820-Present
Request: Add

Item approved unanimously by voice vote.

2) Department of English

a) Course: ENGL 4155 Twentieth-Century British Literature
Request: Delete

b) Course: ENGL 4130 Eighteenth Century British Literature
Request: Delete

c) Course: ENGL 4135 British Romanticism
Request: Delete

- d) Course: ENGL 4110 Medieval Literature
Request: Delete
- e) Course: ENGL 4115 Renaissance Literature
Request: Delete
- f) Course: ENGL 4120 Seventeenth-Century British Literature
Request: Delete
- g) Course: ENGL 4145 Victorian Literature
Request: Delete
- h) Course: ENGL 4125 Colonial and Early American Literature
Request: Delete
- i) Course: ENGL 4140 American Romanticism
Request: Delete
- j) Course: ENGL 4150 American Realism and Naturalism
Request: Delete
- k) Course: ENGL 4160 Twentieth-Century American Literature
Request: Delete
- l) Course: ENGL 4165 Contemporary British and American Literature
Request: Delete
- m) Course: ENGL 4000 Studies in British Literature I
Request: Add
- n) Course: ENGL 4002 Studies in British Literature II
Request: Add
- o) Course: ENGL 4003 Studies in American Literature I
Request: Add
- p) Course: ENGL 4005 Studies in American Literature II
Request: Add
- q) Course: ENGL 4188 Studies in Individual Authors
Request: Modify
- r) Program: BA with a Major in English
Request: Modify

These items were taken together and approved unanimously by voice vote.

- B) Richards College of Business
 - 1) Department of Economics
 - a) Program: Data Analytics Certificate
Request: Add

Item approved unanimously by voice vote.

- C) College of Education
 - 1) Department of Leadership and Instruction
 - a) Course: PWLA 1661 Outdoor Recreation
Request: Add
 - b) Course: PWLA 1679 Body Boot Camp
Request: Add
 - c) Course: PWLA 1688 Mat Pilates
Request: Add
 - d) Course: PWLA 1689 Yoga: Intermediate
Request: Add

These items were taken together and approved unanimously by voice vote.

- D) College of Social Sciences
 - 1) Department of Anthropology
 - a) Course: ANTH 4204 Ice Age Peoples of North America
Request: Add

Item approved unanimously by voice vote.

- b) Program: Bachelor of Science in Anthropology
Request: Modify

Item approved unanimously by voice vote.

- 2) Department of Criminology
 - a) Program: Bachelor of Science in Criminology
Request: Modify

Item approved unanimously by voice vote.

- E) The Undergraduate Programs Committee endorses the addition of the QEP Learning Outcome "Adapt written communication to specific purposes and audiences" to Areas C, D, and E of the core.

The Senate Chair noted that this would be discussed under the Strategic Planning Committee.

Committee II: Graduate Programs Committee (Susan Welch, Chair)

Action Items:

- A) College of Education
 - 1) Leadership and Instruction
 - a) Course: SEED 7560 Contemporary Issues in Secondary Education
Request: Add

Item approved unanimously by voice vote.

- b) Course: EDLE 8305 Residency Course: Effective Management to Promote Student Learning
Request: Add

Item approved unanimously by voice vote.

- c) Program: Master of Education with a Major in Secondary Education
Request: Modify

Item approved unanimously by voice vote.

- B) College of Science and Mathematics
 - 1) Mathematics Department
 - a) Program: Master of Science with a Major in Mathematics
Request: Modify

Item approved unanimously by voice vote.

Committee VI: Strategic Planning Committee (Nadya Williams, Chair)

Action Item:

- A) Vote on QEP Learning Outcome to be added for Areas C, D, and E of the core: “Adapt written communication to specific purposes and audiences.”

In introducing the item, Dr. Williams noted that this learning outcome was approved for Area B last semester; now the Committee is recommending that it be added to the other areas.

Item approved unanimously by voice vote.

Information Item:

- A) QEP information update

Dr. Williams stated that there is a larger QEP implementation committee now, which consists of the previous members plus representatives from every department that teaches QEP courses. This group is meeting once a month and its members will be circulating information about faculty development and training. At the February meeting they will be dealing with rubrics. Dr. Williams added that she is always happy to answer questions.

Committee XIII: Rules Committee (Patrick Erben, Chair)

Action Item:

- A) Changes to Policies and Procedures of the University of West Georgia, Section 2: Faculty Senate Organization

In introducing the item, Dr. Erben explained that the idea for a chair-elect was approved last spring; this item is now to add the language to the Policies and Procedures. It was noted that a course release is given just to the chair, which is a four-year commitment: one year as chair-elect, two years as chair, and one year as past chair.

Item approved unanimously by voice vote.

5. Old business: none

6. New business:

- A) Marketplace: Craig Schroer, chair of the Technology Committee, provided background on the issue of using the Discuss-UWG electronic list for “Marketplace” buy-and-sell items. This use of the list needs to be curtailed immediately because it violates Board of Regents policy regarding using University property for personal gain. The Policy Task Force is currently working on a policy regarding this and it is expected to be finalized in the next month. The Technology Committee (in consultation with the Staff Advisory Council) has developed four alternative possibilities, which were discussed at the Executive Committee meeting prior to this full Senate meeting. Faculty may expect to see a fresh draft of recommendations from the Technology Committee for alternatives prior to the February meeting of the Faculty Senate, including a yes/no question regarding their interest in pursuing an alternative. Faculty may talk with Elizabeth Kramer or Craig Schroer if they are interested in providing feedback on alternatives.
- B) Best of the West: April 16, 2015 will be a combined faculty and staff recognition day. It is scheduled for 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. There will be a band, BBQ lunch, and awards.

7. Announcements

- A) Elizabeth Kramer encouraged faculty to review the Provost’s e-mail regarding race/diversity/inclusion. Please let Dr. Kramer know of your suggestions for ways to move forward.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Rogers,
Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate and General Faculty

