University of West Georgia
Faculty Senate Minutes
August 8, 2008
Approved September 26, 2008

**Date:** August 8, 2008

**Call to Order:** The meeting was convened in room 1-301 of the Technology – enhanced Learning Center. Chair pro-tem Randy Hendricks called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

**Roll Call:** Best, Cook, Elman, Hancock for Ogletree, Brown, Epps, Huff, Luken, Murphy, Snipes, Baumstark, Harkins, MacKinnon, Ramanathan, McCord, Hazari, Hendricks, Austin, Hasbun, Mowling, Baylen

**Not in Attendance:** Gunnels, Gantner, Kirk, Rollins, Mbaye, Mowling, Aanastoos

**Minutes:** The minutes of the June 10, 2008 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved.

**Committee VI: General University Matters:** (Chair: Dawn McCord)

**Action Item:**
A) Senate approval of Statement on Firearms on Campus
In accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) § 16-11-127.1, the University of West Georgia abides by all state laws and expects compliance by all faculty, staff, students, and visitors. The possession of a valid firearms permit, or a valid license to carry a concealed weapon, does not exempt any individual from the provisions of this policy or provisions as detailed in O.C.G.A. § 16-11-127.1. In the above referenced statute, all persons, with limited exceptions, are prohibited from possessing weapons as defined above anywhere on University property.—  
**Approved**

After the item was approved Dr. Sethna asked for the phrase “limited exceptions” be clearly defined. It is defined in the statute.

**Committee IX: Graduate Studies** (Chair, Skip Clark)

**Action Items:**
A) College of College of Education
1) Curriculum and Instruction
   a) Ed.S. in Middle Grades Education
   Request: Modify
   Action: approved
2) Special Education and Speech-Language Pathology
a) Master of Education – Special Education (General Curriculum) Online
   Request: Modify
   Action: approved

b) Specialist in Education – Curriculum Specialist (Cherokee County School District Cohort)
   Request: Add
   Action: approved

c) SPED 7729 Special Education Law
   Request: Add
   Action: approved

**Information Item:**
A) College of Education
   1) Educational Leadership and Professional Studies
      a) EDRS 6341
         Request: modify
         Action: approved

      b) EDRS 6342
         Request: modify
         Action: approved

B) The following minutes were approved by COGS and may be viewed at: [http://www.westga.edu/assetsDept/index_3467.php](http://www.westga.edu/assetsDept/index_3467.php)
   November 14, 2007 approved December 12, 2007
   December 12, 2007 approved January 16, 2008
5. Old Business--**none**
6. New Business--**none**
7. Announcements--**none**
8. Adjournment—**Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm**