

## Spring General Faculty Virtual Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2020

Approved Electronically on August 12, 2020

- I. Call Meeting to Order and Welcome, Dr. David Jenks  
Dr. Jenks opened the Faculty Senate meeting at 2 p.m. before soliciting approval of the minutes from the fall 2019 General Faculty meeting, held on August 7, 2019.  
*Minutes were approved unanimously.*
- II. General Faculty Business Session, Dr. Judy Butler Faculty Senate Chair
  - A) Nomination of Senate Executive Officers
    - 1) Craig Schroer was nominated for Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate  
*Nomination Accepted*
- II. President's Remarks, Dr. Brendan Kelly  
Dr. Kelly stated that he was thrilled to join the UWG pack, and has enjoyed connecting with faculty virtually. He expressed his appreciation of how everyone has adapted and worked so hard to complete the semester under our current circumstances. After noting that work is being done and answers are coming, he addressed faculty questions regarding fall instruction, state budget allocations and faculty budget concerns, CARES monies, summer and fall enrollment, and when we would be able to resume normal operations. Dr. Kelly also spoke briefly about the upcoming searches for Provost and Vice President of Business and Finance.
- IV. Academic Affairs Update, Dr. David Jenks  
Dr. Jenks echoed Dr. Kelly's appreciation of our faculty's success in meeting the challenges of the sudden shift to online instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic, and noted that we were being used as a model by the USG. He thanked the members of the faculty senate and faculty who served on senate subcommittees this year for their excellent work and service, and for providing valuable leadership during a year filled with challenges and transitions. After welcoming the new members of the faculty senate, especially incoming Senate Chair Dr. Angela Insenga, he added a special word of thanks to Dr. Judy Butler for her leadership and service as Senate Chair. Dr. Jenks then turned to the traditional content of spring General Faculty meeting: honoring our faculty's achievements and successes.
- V. Recognition of Faculty and Departments
  - A) USG Teaching and Excellence Awards
    - 1) The Felton Jenkins, Jr. Hall of Fame Faculty Award Nominee  
Dr. Jennifer Allen, Assistant Professor of Literacy Education, College of Education
    - 2) The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award Nominee  
Dr. Kelly Dyar, Assistant Professor, Tanner Health System School of Nursing
    - 3) The Teaching Excellence Award for Online Teaching Nominee  
Dr. Diana Mindrila, Associate Professor of Leadership, Research, and School Improvement, College of Education
    - 4) The Regents' Teaching Excellence Award, Department Nominee  
Tanner Health System School of Nursing
    - 5) Regents' Award for Excellence in Teaching and Curricular Innovation Nominee  
The faculty in the Freshmen Mathematics Program in the College of Science and Mathematics
    - 6) Governor's Teaching Fellows Summer Symposium Participant  
Dr. Winston Tripp, Associate Professor of Sociology and Interim Associate Dean in the College of Social Sciences

- B) Chancellor's Learning Scholars
  - 1) Denise Morris, Clinical Assistant Professor, Tanner Health System School of Nursing
  - 2) Amy Irby-Shasanmi, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
  - 3) Keith Pacholl, Professor, Department of History
  - 4) Veena Paliwal, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics
  - 5) Jeannie Pridmore, Associate Professor, Department of Management
  - 6) Bridgette Stewart, Senior Lecturer, Department of Sport Management, Wellness, and Physical Education.
- VI. Honoring UWG Faculty Colleagues Promoted and/or Tenured
  - A) College of Arts and Humanities
    - 1) Promoted to Professor:
      - a) Dr. Rebecca Harrison, Department of English and Philosophy
      - b) Dr. Robert Kilpatrick, Department of International Languages and Cultures
      - c) Dr. Elizabeth Kramer, Department of Music
      - d) Ms. Casey McGuire, Department of Art
      - e) Mr. Kevin Shunn, Department of Art
      - f) Dr. Colleen Vasconcellos, Department of History
      - g) Dr. Nadejda Williams, Department of History
    - 2) Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor:
      - a) Dr. Stephanie Chalifoux, Department of History
      - b) Dr. Anca Koczkas, Department of International Languages and Cultures
      - c) Dr. Ana Zapata-Calle, Department of International Languages and Cultures
    - 3) Promoted to Associate Professor:
      - a) Dr. John Garner, Department of English and Philosophy
    - 4) Tenured:
      - a) Dr. Leah Haught, Department of English and Philosophy
      - b) Dr. Dionne Bremyer, Department of English and Philosophy
      - c) Dr. Matthew Franks, Department of English and Philosophy
    - 5) Promoted to Senior Lecturer
      - a) Ms. Erin Dixon, Department of Art
      - b) Ms. Amy Ellison, Department of English and Philosophy
      - c) Dr. Matthew Hild, Department of History
      - d) Mr. Ryan Lamfers, Department of Art
      - e) Ms. Stacey Morin, Department of English and Philosophy
  - B) College of Education
    - 1) Promoted to Professor:
      - a) Dr. Yan Yang, Department of Educational Technology and Foundations
    - 2) Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor:
      - a) Dr. Dena Kniess, Department of Communication Sciences and Professional Counseling
      - b) Dr. Young Suh, Department of Sport Management, Wellness, and Physical Education
  - C) From the College of Science and Mathematics:
    - 1) Promoted to Professor:
      - a) Dr. Landewatt De Silva, Department of Physics
      - b) Dr. Bradley Deline, Department of Geosciences
      - c) Dr. Georgina DeWeese, Department of Geosciences
      - d) Dr. Scott Sykes, Department of Mathematics
    - 2) Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor:
      - a) Dr. Frank Fontanella, Department of Biology

- 3) Promoted to Senior Lecturer
  - a) Ms. Erin Duckett, Department of Biology
- D) From the College of Social Sciences:
  - 1) Promoted to Professor
    - a) Dr. Pamela Kirk, Department of Sociology
    - b) Dr. Jeffrey Reber, Department of Psychology
  - 2) Tenured and Promoted to Professor:
    - a) Dr. Elroi Windsor, Department of Sociology
  - 3) Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor:
    - a) Dr. Ericka Wentz, Department of Criminology
  - 4) Promoted to Senior Lecturer:
    - a) Dr. Melanie Conrad, Department of Mass Communications
    - b) Dr. Misty Wilson, Department of Mass Communications
    - c) Ms. Vivienne Wood, Department of Sociology
- E) From the Richards College of Business:
  - 1) Promoted to Senior Lecturer:
    - a) Ms. Melanie Hildebrandt, Department of Economics
    - b) Mr. John P. Reaves, Department of Management
    - c) Ms. Mariana Sanchez, Department of Management

VII. Honoring UWG Faculty Retirees

- A) Dr. Judy Butler, Professor, Department of Early Childhood through Secondary Education, College of Education
- B) Dr. Mary Bishop, Associate Professor, Department of Nursing, Tanner Health System School of Nursing
- C) Dr. Christine Haynes, Professor, Department of Accounting and Finance, Richards College of Business
- D) Dr. Sharon Seay, Associate Professor, Department of Accounting and Finance, Richards College of Business
- E) Dr. Faramarz Parsa, Professor, Department of Management, Richards College of Business
- F) Dr. Douglas Turner, Professor, Department of Management, Richards College of Business
- G) Dr. Mary-Kathryn Zachary, Professor, Department of Management, Richards College of Business
- H) Dr. Rob Sanders, Professor, Department of Political Science, College of Social Sciences
- I) Dr. Leos G. Kral, Professor, Department of Biology, College of Science and Mathematics
- J) Dr. Micheal Crafton, Professor, Department of English and Philosophy, College of Arts and Humanities

VIII. Meeting Adjourned

*Dr. Jenks adjourned the meeting at 3:04p.m., reminding faculty to vote for Senate Parliamentarian and Post-Tenure Review Appeals Committee Members by April 30, 2020 at 5:00 pm. He also noted that the Fall General Faculty Meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 5, 2020.*

*Respectfully Submitted by Dr. Colleen Vasconcellos  
Professor of History and Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate and General Faculty*