UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA





MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. Brendan B. Kelly, President

RE: President's Response to Senate Actions

DATE: November 3, 2021

Following is my response to the actions of the Faculty Senate as represented in the minutes of the meeting of October 15, 2021, which were approved electronically on October 20, 2021. All program approvals are made contingent upon the department's commitment to staff the changes out of existing internal funds. Note that Section 3.6.2 of the Board of Regents Policy Manual states, inter alia: "The termination of educational programs, degrees, or majors shall be submitted to the Chancellor for review and recommendation for action by the Board of Regents." So, all program, degree, and major terminations (as well as additions) need to be approved by the Board. Our requests should include the rationale and the plan for addressing the needs of existing students.

Committee Reports:

Committee I: Undergraduate Programs Committee (Karen Graffius, Chair)

Actions Items:

A) College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry

1) Department of Natural Sciences

a) BIOL 4430 - Wildlife Techniques

Request: Add

Item unanimously approved.

I accept this motion.

2) Department of Anthropology, Psychology, and Sociology

a) SABH 1101 – Intro to Soc & Behav Health

Request: Add

Item approved with 43 in favor, 2 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

I accept this motion.

B) College of Education

1) Department of Sport Management, Wellness, and Physical Education

a) Health & Community Wellness Minor

Request: Modify

Item unanimously approved.

I accept this motion.

b) CMWL 3300 - Medical Terminology

Request: Add

c) CMWL 3302 – Healthcare Leadership & Policy

Request: Add

d) CMWL 3304 – Sexual Health & Wellness

Request: Add

Items b-d were taken as a block and approved with 43 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

I accept this motion.

C) Richards College of Business

1) Department of Accounting and Finance

a) Finance, B.B.A.

Request: Modify

Item unanimously approved.

I accept this motion.

D) School of Communication, Film, and Media

1) GFA 1040 – Intro Film & TV Post-Prod

Request: Add

2) GFA 1500 - Intro Dgtl Entrnmnt, Esprt&Game

Request: Add

3) GFA 3510 – Dig Entertnmt & ESprt Evnt Des

Request: Add

4) GFA 3520 – Dig Entertnmt & ESprt Creat Dev

Request: Add

Items 1-4 were taken as a block and approved with 40 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

I accept this motion.

E) University College

1) Department of Civic Engagement and Public Service

a) Criminology, B.S. Policing Concentration

Request: Modify

Item approved with 44 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

I accept this motion.

b) CRIM 3501 – Advanced Criminal Investigation

Request: Add

c) CRIM 4007 - Crime Mapping

Request: Add

d) CRIM 4068 - Conflict Management and Policing

Request: Add

e) CRIM 4251 - Contemporary Issues in Policing

Request: Add

f) CRIM 4334 - Human Trafficking

Request: Add

Items b-f were taken as a block and were approved with 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

I accept this motion.

2) Center for Interdisciplinary Studies

a) Data Science

Request: Add New Interdisciplinary Pathway

b) Natural Resources Management

Request: Add New Interdisciplinary Pathway

c) Writing

Request: Add New Interdisciplinary Pathway

Items a-c were taken as a block and were approved with 44 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

I accept this motion.

Committee II: Graduate Programs Committee (Dena Kniess, Chair)

Action Items:

A) College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry

1) Department of Anthropology, Psychology, and Sociology

a) Sociology, M.A. Request: Modify

Item approved with 41 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

I accept this motion.

b) <u>SOCI 5915 – Violence Against Women</u> Request: Add

Item approved with 45 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

I accept this motion.

c) SOCI 6986 – Applied Project Request: Add

Item approved with 38 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

I accept this motion.

- 2) Department of Natural Sciences
 - a) <u>BIOL 5430 Wildlife Techniques</u> Request: Add

Item unanimously approved.

I accept this motion.

- 3) Department of Computing and Mathematics
 - a) <u>CS 5210 Programming Fundamentals</u> Request: Add

Item approved with 43 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

I accept this motion.

b) <u>CS 5310 – Principles of Computer Science</u> Request: Add

Item approved with 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

I accept this motion.

- A) College of Education
 - 1) Department of Counseling, Higher Education, and Speech Language Pathology
 - a) <u>Professional Counseling and Supervision, Ed.D.</u> Request: Modify

Item unanimously approved.

I accept this motion.

2) Department of Educational Technology and Foundations

b) <u>Computer Science Endorsement</u> Request: Add

Item unanimously approved.

I accept this motion.

c) <u>MEDT 7499 – Methods & Strategies for CT-integrated Learning</u> Request: Add

Item unanimously approved.

I accept this motion.

Information Item:

A) Policy for Assistantships within Academic Affairs Update

Committee III: Academic Policies Committee (Jennifer Edelman, Chair)

Action Item: (Figure 2)

A) UWG Undergraduate Catalog

 Modification to the Bachelor of Arts Requirements Related to Language Study Request: Modify

Item unanimously approved.

I accept this motion.

Committee: VIII: Budget Committee (Laurie Kimbrel, Chair)

Information Item: (Figure 3)

A) September 21, 2021 Faculty Senate Budget Committee Workshop

Committee IX: Rules Committee (Angela Branyon, Chair)

Action Items:

A) UWG Policies and Procedures Manual

1) Article I, Section 1.C.2: Instructional Components of the University (Figure 4) Request: Modify

Item approved with 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions. This item will be brought to the General Faculty for a vote in April 2022 according to Article IV, Section 3 of the UWG Policies and Procedures Manual.

Response reserved until the General Faculty vote is completed.

2) Article I, Section 1.E.2-3: Councils (Figure 5) Request: Modify

A friendly amendment was proposed to amend the language for Article I, Section 1.E.3 as follows: the "Department of Computer Science" has been changed to "Department of Computing and Mathematics." The vote to amend the language was unanimously approved, and the amended language is reflected in Figure 5 below.

Following this vote, the modifications to Article 1, Section 1.E.2-3 were approved with 40 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention. This item will be brought to the General Faculty for a vote in April 2022 according to Article IV, Section 3 of the UWG Policies and Procedures Manual.

Response reserved until the General Faculty vote is completed.

- 3) Article IV, Section 2.: Faculty Senate Organization (Figure 6)
 - a) A.4-5: Standing Committees, Restriction on Membership Request: Modify
 - b) B: Terms of Office for Committee Members Request: Modify
 - c) C: Standing Committee Recommendations Request: Modify
 - d) D: Ad Hoc Committees, Subcommittees and Task Forces Request: Modify

Items a-d were taken as a block and were unanimously approved. These items will be brought to the General Faculty for a vote in April 2022 according to Article IV, Section 3 of the UWG Policies and Procedures Manual.

Response reserved until the General Faculty vote is completed.

Information Items:

- A) PolicyStat Version of the Faculty Handbook, Harry Nelson, Teresa D'Emilio, and Tara Pearson
 - In 2020, the Office of Legal Affairs began work on a project to make the Handbook more accessible through PolicyStat, a public site which can be accessed directly through the Office of Legal Affairs website. They began with the Faculty and Staff Handbooks, and will eventually extend this work to the Policies and Procedures Manual. Tara Pearson gave faculty in attendance a tour of the site, which can be found in the October 15, 2021 Zoom Meeting recording, beginning at 02:30:44.
- B) Jamie Brandenburg will serve as Chair of the Rules Committee for the 2022-2023 Academic Year.

I thank Ms. Brandenburg for serving as the Chair of the Rules Committee for the 2022-2023 Academic Year.