



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate
FROM: Dr. Brendan B. Kelly, President
RE: President's Response to Senate Actions
DATE: March 16, 2021

Following is my response to the actions of the Faculty Senate as represented in the minutes of the meeting of February 19, 2021, which were approved electronically on February 26, 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 (Rosemary Kellison, Chair)

Action Items:

- A) College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry
 - 1) Department of English, Film, Language and Performing Arts
 - a) MUSC 2311 – Introduction to Jazz Skills
Request: Add

Item was approved unanimously.

I accept this motion.

- b) MUSC 4300 – Jazz History and Styles
Request: Modify
- c) MUSC 4311 – Applied Jazz Composition and Arranging
Request: Modify
- d) MUSC 4321 – Applied Jazz Improvisation
Request: Modify

Items b-d were taken as a block and approved unanimously.

I accept this motion.

- e) Stand Alone Certificate in Jazz Studies
Request: Add

Item was approved unanimously.

I accept this motion.

- 2) Department of Mathematics, Sciences, and Technology
 - a) BIOL 4425 – Fire Ecology
Request: Modify
 - b) BIOL 4427 – Conservation Biology
Request: Modify

Items a and b were taken as a block and approved unanimously.

I accept this motion.

- c) CHEM 1151 – Survey of Chemistry I
Request: Modify
- d) CHEM 1151L – Survey of Chemistry I Lab
Request: Modify
- e) CHEM 1152 – Survey of Chemistry II
Request: Modify
- f) CHEM 1152L – Survey of Chemistry II Lab
Request: Modify

Items c-f were taken as a block and approved with 40 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.

I accept this motion.

- g) MATH 1111 – College Algebra
Request: Modify
- h) MATH 1401 – Elementary Statistics
Request: Modify

Items g and h were taken as a block and approved with 28 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.

I accept this motion.

- i) Geography, B.S.
Request: Modify

Item was approved unanimously.

I accept this motion.

- j) Physics, Astronomy Concentration, B.S.
Request: Modify

Item was approved unanimously.

I accept this motion.

- B) Richards College of Business
 - 1) Department of Management
 - a) MGNT 3611 – Leadership
Request: Add
 - b) MGNT 4684 – Management Study Abroad
Request: Add

Items a and b were taken as a block and approved unanimously.

I accept this motion.

- c) Human Resource Management Minor
Request: Add

Item was approved unanimously.

I accept this motion.

- C) University College
 - 1) Film Production, Nexus (USG Website: USG Nexus Degree)
Request: Add

Item was approved with 39 in favor, 1 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

I accept this motion.

- 2) XIDS 2100 – Game of Thrones: Tudor-Stuart Britain
Request: Add New Topic

Item was approved with 39 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.

I accept this motion.

- 3) XIDS 2300 – Introduction to Public Service
Request: Add New Topic

Item was approved with 41 in favor, 2 opposed, and 1 abstention.

I accept this motion.

Information Items:

- A) College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry
 - 1) Department of English, Film, Language and Performing Arts
 - a) Bachelor of Music in Performance: Emphasis in Jazz Studies
Request: Deactivate
The Stand-Alone Certificate in Jazz Studies replaces this Emphasis.

I have no comment.

- B) Richards College of Business
 - 1) Department of Management
 - a) Embedded Certificate in Entrepreneurship
Request: Terminate
 - b) Embedded Certificate in Human Resource Management
Request: Terminate
 - c) Embedded Certificate in Operations Management
Request: Terminate

With regards to items a-c, the Management Department has opted to create concentrations in Small Business Management, Human Resource Management, and Supply Chain Management, after finding that hiring professionals are confused between the UWG Certificates and professional certifications. They feel that that their students will be best served by concentrating their studies in a particular area and then pursuing recognized professional certifications in their field of study.

I have no comment.

- 2) Department of Marketing and Real Estate
 - a) The Department of Marketing and Real Estate will change its name to the “Department of Marketing” effective May 13, 2021.

I have no comment.

Committee II: Graduate Programs Committee (Connie Barbour, Chair)

Action Items:

- A) College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry
 - 1) Department of Art, History, and Philosophy
 - a) HIST 6101 – Introduction to Digital History
Request: Add
 - b) HIST 6200 – Public History Seminar
Request: Add

Items a and b were taken as a block and approved unanimously.

I accept this motion.

- c) History, MA
Request: Modify

Item was approved with 36 in favor, 6 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

I accept this motion.

- B) College of Education
 - 1) Department of Literacy and Special Education
 - a) Dyslexia Endorsement
Request: Add
 - b) SPED 6500 – Dyslexia: Methods and Instructional Strategies
Request: Add

Items a and b were taken as a block and approved with 42 in favor and 1 opposed.

I accept this motion.

- 2) Department of Early Childhood through Secondary Education
 - a) Pedagogy-Only Teaching Certification for Secondary Education
Request: Add

Item was approved with 39 in favor and 1 opposed.

I accept this motion.

Information Items:

- A) Richards College of Business
 - 1) Department of Marketing and Real Estate
 - a) The Department of Marketing and Real Estate will change its name to the “Department of Marketing” effective May 13, 2021.

I have no comment.

Committee III: Academic Policies Committee (Emily McKendry-Smith, Chair)

Information Items:

- A) New USG One-step proposal form and UWG New Program Concept Form (**Figure 1**)

The USG has modified how programs should be submitted for approval and that modification includes having an on-campus group that reviews the proposals. This short form provides a means by which potential programs may achieve consensus and support from relevant UWG constituencies prior to generating a full proposal. Once consensus is agreed upon that a program can be supported in concept, the full program proposal can be completed and submitted through normal governance processes for approval. Dr. Drake confirmed that faculty and/or programs that have proposals waiting for approval

from the Board of Regents will need to submit this form to the BoR for approval. Since these faculty and/or programs have a fully developed proposal, fitting it into the short form should not be too laborious. Dr. Drake shared the form in Figure 1 and went over it in great detail, answering several questions in the process on how to find information regarding market analysis and program distinction. (See February 19, 2021 Zoom Meeting, beginning at 1:52:06)

I have no comment.

B) History Program Advanced Placement Policy Update (Figure 2)

The History Program has made some modifications to their AP Exam policy in order to better align with History programs at other USG institutions.

I have no comment.

Committee X: Rules Committee (Angela Branyon, Chair)

Action Items:

A) UWG Faculty Handbook

1) 104.028 Appeal for Reconsideration (Figure 3)

Request: Modify

B) UWG Academic Policies Index

1) UWG Procedure Number 2.4.3, Post-Tenure Review

a) Section F, Appeal for Reconsideration (Figure 4)

Request: Modify

Items A.1 and B.1.a were taken as a block and approved with 39 in favor and 1 opposed.

I accept this motion.

Committee XII: Teaching, Learning, and Assessment (Chair, Rebecca Gault)

Action Item:

A) Spring Course Evaluations

Item was approved with 39 in favor and 1 opposed.

I accept this motion.