

University of West Georgia
Faculty Senate Minutes
April 18, 2008
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Date: May 15, 2008

Call to Order: The meeting was convened in room 1-303 of the TLC. Chair pro-tem Randy Hendricks called the meeting to order at: 3:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Aanstoos, Abbot, Best, Bray, Chibbaro, Fulkerson, Gunnels, Harkins, Hazari, Hendricks, Holland, Huff, MacKinnon, Mayer, McCord, Moffeit, Murphy, Penceo, Ramanathan, Smith, Snipes, Thomas-Fair, Webb.

Not in Attendance: Elman, Kirk, Lloyd, Mowling, Packard

Minutes: The minutes of the March 14, 2008, meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved.

Committee I: Undergraduate Academic Programs; Chair – Diane Fulkerson

Action Items:

A) College of Arts and Sciences:

- 1) Dept. of Art – Program modification from 120 to 132 hours; 3 courses (Art 3903, 4302, 4822) added to create a more robust program. Question called and motion made: Approved.
- 2) Dept. of English and Philosophy – 2 courses (ENGL 2060, FILM 2080) added to be part of the CORE Curriculum. Question called and motion made: Approved.
- 3) Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literatures
 - a-c) Modification to education certification programs (French, Spanish) as per Georgia BOR: Question called and motion made: Approved.
 - d-f) Addition of a course (SPAN 3030) to take the place of two others (SPAN 3210, 3220). Question called and motion made: Approved.
- 4) Dept. of Mathematics – B.S. Mathematics program modification to computer science courses in the major (changes requested by the Computer Science Dept.). Question called and motion made: Approved.
- 5) Dept. of Music – B.M. Music Education program modification as per Georgia BOR. Question called and motion made: Approved
- 6) Dept. of Nursing – BSM program modification, addition of two courses (NURS 3192, 4192) for community health offerings and deletion of two courses (NURS 3182, 3272). Question called and motion made: Approved.

B) College of Education:

- 1a) B.S.Ed. in Early Childhood Education at the Newnan campus – plans to offer all 4 years of the program in Newnan. Extensive discussion ensued as to library resources (We do not have an ed core set of books = \$15,000) and no librarian to cover these needs. What about the additional expenses of having Arts and Sciences faculty to teach “out there”? (cont.)
Dr. Holland: With those concerns in mind and current faculty demands, 3 new

faculty OKed.

Dr. Crafton: Why did this get out of UAPC if library resources not appropriate?

Dr. Hynes: as part of budget discussion, COE and A & S Deans to identify resources needed over a 2, 3, or 4-year time frame. This report will be due to the VPAA's office next week. Note: the library budget = bulk budget and separate requests.

Dr. Snipes: What about the impact on CORE classes? Are there faculty to cover in Newnan?

Dr. MacKinnon: motion to table this item until these resource questions are answered. Question called and motion made: Approved

b,c) Modification of B.S. Ed. in Early Childhood Education and course addition (EDUC 4284). Question called and motion made: Approved.

2) Dept. of Physical Education and Recreation

a) Program modification of B.S.Ed.in Physical Education

b-j) Addition of 9 courses (PHED 3500, 3501, 3502, 3503, 3504, 3670, 4500, 4501, 4502) to create a more robust program. Question called and motion made: Approved.

Information Items:

A) College of Arts & Sciences:

1) Dept. of Art – modification of 10 courses (ART 3301, 3302, 3601, 3602, 3902, 4303, 4603, 4821, 4903, 4904)

2) Dept. of Mathematics – modification of 6 courses (MATH 4413, 4803, 4813, 4823, 4833, 4843)

3) Dept. of Music – modification of 4 courses (MUSC 3900, 4000, 4011, 4021)

4) Dept. of Nursing – modification of 3 courses (NURS 3245, 4335, 4345)

B) College of Education:

1) Dept. of Curriculum and Instruction – modification of 8 courses (READ 3263, ECED 3214, 3282, 4251, 4261, 4262, 4263, 4283)

2) Dept. of Physical Education and Recreation – modification of 13 courses (PHED 2602, 2603, 2604, 3603, 3625, 3660, 3671, 3675, 4603, 4650, 4676, 4686, 4689)

C) Ingram Library: course modification (LIBR 1101)

D) Richards College of Business:

1) Dept. of Management – modification of 13 courses (CISM 4355, ABED 3100, 3160, 4117, 4118, 4181, 4186, 4507, 4537, 4586, 4587, 4588, 4589)

Faculty Senate Interim-Chair, Dr. Hendricks, noted that this was the very last time Dr. Fulkerson would be informing the Senate of the committee's work; her last time with this "massive job." The Senate gave Dr. Fulkerson a round of applause.

Committee II: Academic Policies and Procedures; Chair – Kathy Moffeit

Information Items:

- A) University Calendar for 2009-2010 academic year: see Addendum III
- B) Disruptive Student Behavior Policy: see Addendum IV (cont.)
Dr. Crafton: this comes from the campus safety work; “not dangerous students, but disruptive students (academically) in class. The policy asserts faculty authority to dismiss a student from a single class or the entire course. Note: we still follow due process; the appeals process should be quick.

Committee IV: Learning Resources; Chair - Aran MacKinnon**Information Item:**

LRC representatives met with Dr. Leavitt of the UWG Foundation and received a positive response for an increase in monies to support faculty research coming from the UWG Foundation, along with their expertise in such support.

Action Item:

- A) Dr. Snipes: we reviewed the structure and efficiency of the current LRC and make the following suggestions:
 - 1) a significant increase in funding from the VPAA’s office
 - 2) establish a Center for Faculty Research with 5 staff members
 - 3) an expansion and diversification of services offered by this Center for Faculty Research through trained staff, workshops, pre-award services, post-award services, access and assistance with search engines, link to the IRB website, more information on internal UWG grants, list/weblink of faculty serving on committees associated with Sponsored Operations, and a review and acknowledgement of selection criteria of individuals currently serving on the Sponsored Operations Committee at UWG

Dr. Webb asked if all this demonstrated a change in the university’s current research focus.

Dr. Hynes: “No.”

Question called and motion made: Approved.

Committee VI: General University Matters; Chair - Dawn McCord**Information Item:** (see Addendum V)

- A) Final report of the Campus Safety Survey: 655 responses (equal number of staff, faculty, and students). Open responses noted issues with communication, police practices, and night-time issues. Recommendations included: lighting the environment more at night, signage inside every classroom with emergency phone numbers and room number/building name clearly posted, an all-campus “all call” system, and concealed weapons on campus to those with such approval. Motion made to receive report; Question called and motion made: Approved.

Dr. MacKinnon then requested a motion from the Faculty Senate to request that the General University Matters committee draft a statement that could be brought back to the Faculty Senate regarding firearms on campus. His personal opinion is that they are “abhorrent to collegial, peaceful relations on campus.”

Dr. Webb seconded this idea of having GUM formulate such a response. Question

called and motion made: Approved.

Committee IX: Graduate Studies; Chair – Hazelkorn for Charles Clark

Action Item:

- A) College of Education:
 - 1) Dept. of Special Education and Speech Language Pathology: Modification of M.Ed. Speech-Language Pathology program. Question called and motion made: Approved.

Committee XI: Technology Planning; Chair – Marty Bray

Information Item:

- A) Yearly report – reorganization of IT structure (Kathy Kral in charge now) see Addendum VIII; while the comprehensive technology plan for the entire campus will be chaired by Bray.
- B) E Rate Policy – based on an initiative by the Chancellor to support online learning (courses with only 1 face-to-face meeting or on-campus exam maximum); there's to be a separate fee structure and funds specifically allocated to support student learning along with existing staff/support services. Fees would be split: 60% to department, 30% Office of D & D, 10% back to the college as seed money.

Question: How is this instruction measured in terms of effective instruction?

Measured by _____ ?

Bray: Our Media department's GACE scores are high.

Much discussion ensued on the viability of online instruction, especially as it pertains to more money paid to faculty who teach these courses.

Old Business: none was presented

Faculty Senate Pre-tem Chair, Randy Hendricks, asked for a change in order for the following Senate business:

Senate Ad Hoc Rules Committee; Co-Chairs – Janet Donohoe and Aran MacKinnon

- B) Ad Hoc Rules Committee Final Recommendation (see Addendum IX) – Question called and motion made to accept the report: Approved.

First 5 recommendations:

- 1) reappoint the Ad Hoc Committee
- 2) need for an Ad Hoc Budget Committee
- 3) staff: We support staff establishing themselves as a Senate committee
- 4) mentoring/orientation for new Faculty Senate members
- 5) install another Chair Pro-tem of the Faculty Senate for another year

Chris Aanstoos – In 1982, change in governance for West Georgia faculty input; under Townsend/Lewis, a public “brain drain” over the next several years which “took decades to overcome.” “Thanks to Sethna and Hynes” for the “new open-ness.” Question called and motion made to approve committee's recommendations:

Approved.

Proposal to set up a General University Matters clearing house. Question called and motion made: Approved.

- C) AAUP Ombuds Proposal (see Addendum X)– to go to ADR and then to the Faculty. There will be a Friday meeting on this topic with Sethna.

- A) With no prior nominations, we'll open the floor for nominations for Chair Pro-tem of the 2008-2009 Faculty Senate. Dr. Hendricks was nominated from the floor. Motion to close nominations: Approved. A vote was taken; Dr. Hendricks will continue as Chair Pro-tem of the Faculty Senate.

Announcements:

- 1) Dr. Hendricks noted that we were still under 90 minutes at this Faculty Senate meeting.
- 2) Other new business: Dr. Hendricks noted that it was Ron Reigner's last meeting as Secretary to the Faculty Senate. Dr. Reigner was acknowledged with a round of applause.

Adjournment: Motion was made and seconded by the departure of the members of the Faculty Senate at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Reigner, Executive Secretary