University of West Georgia Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2012 Approved February 17, 2012

- 1. The meeting was convened in room 1-303 of the Technology-enhanced Learning Center and called to order by Chair Chris Huff.
- 2. Roll Call

Present

Ashford, Barnhart, Blair, Bucholz, Chesnut, Deng, Popov (substitute for DeNie), Doyle, Gant, Gezon, Halonen-Rollins, Hannaford, Hansen, Hasbun, Hatfield, Hodges, Jenks, J. Johnson, M. Johnson, Kassis, Kilpatrick, Kramer, Leach, Mayer, Mitchell, Moffeit, Morris, Noori, Packard, Parrish, Ponder, Pope, Ringlaben, Rutledge, Sanders, Smith, Thomas, Thompson, Williard, Yeong

Absent

Banford, Cox, Lloyd, Pencoe, Pitzulo, Samples, Schmidt, Snaith

3. Approval of the minutes of the December 9th meeting

Correction: Senators Kassis and Morris were in attendance. Minutes were approved as corrected by voice vote.

4. Committee Reports

Committee IV: Academic Policies Committee (Chair, Robert Kilpatrick)

Action Items:

A. The Academic Policies and Procedures Committee requests that the Faculty Senate adopt the below course schedule (shaded in gray) for MWF and MW/TR courses, effective Fall 2012. This recommendation is based on the results of a survey distributed to the entire UWG faculty.

Schedule of time slots for MWF and MW/TR courses, to be effective Fall 2012

		Current MWF	Current
New MWF	New MW/TR		MW/TR
8:00-8:55	8:00-9:20	8:00-8:52	8:00-9:20

9:15-10:10	9:45-11:05	9:00-9:52	9:30-10:50
10:30-11:25	11:30-12:50	10:00-10:52	11:00-12:20
11:45-12:40	1:15-2:35	11:00-11:52	12:30-1:50
1:00-1:55	3:00-4:20	12:00-12:52	2:00-3:20
2:15-3:10	4:45-6:05	1:00-1:52	3:30-4:50
3:30-4:25	6:30-7:50	2:00-2:52	5:30-6:50
			7:00-8:20

- 1) Scheduling would not change for classes meeting once per week (e.g., Evening and Sat. classes)
- 2) MTWR and MTWF classes would mirror the above schedule.
- 3) Semester start and end dates would not change
- 4) Graduation dates would not change

Concerns included:

- *Not enough time to do room scheduling for the fall.*
- Some disciplines find the proposed schedule to have a negative impact on performance outcomes.
- *New schedule eliminates the possibility of 2 additional MW or TR classes.*

Chair Robert Kilpatrick withdrew the motion.

Robert Kilpatrick asked for the will of the Senate as to surveying the faculty on their preference for a 15- or 16-week semester. An interest in revisiting this topic was expressed.

5. New Business

A. Eligibility for Faculty Senate Chair, FY 13-14 candidates and call for nominations (Chris Huff, FS Chair)

Eligibility: The Chair of Senate must be a tenured full-time faculty member who has served in the Senate within the prior three years and who is not currently Chair or Past-Chair of the Senate.

Senators were asked to seek nominations and submit them to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

6. Adjournment