

**University of West Georgia
Faculty Senate Minutes
October 31, 2008
Approved January 30, 2009**

Date: October 31, 2008

Call to Order: The meeting was convened in room 1-303 of the Technology –enhanced Learning Center. Chair pro-tem Chris Huff called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Roll Call: Aanastoos, Austin, Baylin, Best, Brown, Rootes for Cook, Elman, Epps, Gantner, Clark, Gunnels, Harkins, Hasbun, Deng for Hazari, Hendricks, Wagner, Huff, Luken, MacKinnon, Mbaye, Mowling, Murphy, Ogletree, Ramanathan, Rollins,

Not in Attendance: Coleman, McCord, Snipes

Minutes: The minutes of the September 28, 2008 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved with amendments.

Committee I: Undergraduate Academic Programs (Chair, Shelly Elman)

Action Items: All items approved

- A) College of Arts and Sciences
 - 1) Department of Art
 - a) ART 4007
Request: Add Course
Action: Approved
 - 2) Department of Sociology and Criminology
 - a) CRIM 4650
Request: Add Course
Action: Approved

Information Items:

- A) College of Education
 - 1) Department of Curriculum and Instruction
 - a) ECED 3214
Request: modify
Action: approved
 - b) ECED 3271
Request: modify
Action: approved

- c) ECED 4251
Request: modify
Action: approved
- d) ECED 4261
Request: modify
Action: approved

- e) ECED 4262
Request: modify
Action: approved

- f) ECED 4263
Request: modify
Action: approved

- g) EDUC 2110
Request: modify
Action: approved

- h) EDUC 2120
Request: modify
Action: approved

- i) EDUC 2130
Request: modify
Action: approved

- j) READ 3251
Request: modify
Action: approved

- k) READ 3262
Request: modify
Action: approved

- l) READ 4251
Request: modify
Action: approved

Committee II: Academic Policies and Procedures (Chair, Perry Kirk)

Action Item: Approved

A) The committee recommends the following change to the admission standards for homeschooled students.

Current admission standards for home-schooled students include submission of SAT or ACT scores and “satisfactory documentation of equivalent competence in each of the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) areas....as documented by a portfolio of work and/or other evidence that substantiates CPC completion.”

Undergraduate Admissions proposes eliminating the “portfolio” requirement as sister schools no longer require it, and some students may choose to go to other schools because of the added requirement. Sister schools now allow the submission of a curriculum evaluation form to document CPC areas.

Note: Board of Regents policy requires a higher SAT/ACT standard than other freshman applicants. Home schooled students who enroll at UWG tend to be successful.

The proposed wording would read: “satisfactory documentation of equivalent competence in each of the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) areas....as documented by a curriculum evaluation form that substantiates CPC completion.”

Committee III: Faculty and Administrative Staff Personnel (Chair, Chris Huff)

Action Item: Approved—Request made to have FASP examine the possibility of ORP participants having the option to change to TRS.

A) The committee recommends the following resolution for endorsement by the UWG Faculty Senate:

Resolution of the University of West Georgia Faculty Senate on Proposed Changes to the Teachers' Retirement System Cost of Living Annual Increases (COLA)

Whereas the faculty represented in the University of West Georgia Faculty Senate support the Board of Regents in its goal of "Creating a Better Educated Georgia"; And Whereas the University of West Georgia Faculty Senate supports the University System of Georgia Strategic Plan, in particular the goals to renew excellence in undergraduate education to meet students' 21st century educational needs and to increase the System's participation in research and economic development to the benefit of a global Georgia by enhancing and encouraging the creation of new knowledge and basic research across all disciplines;

And Whereas the achievement of these goals is dependent upon the recruitment and retention of the most highly qualified faculty and staff;

And Whereas the maintenance of strong retirement plans is essential if we are to recruit and retain the best faculty and staff possible at all levels and thereby meet our commitment to a better educated Georgia;

And Whereas the proposed change in Teachers Retirement System board policy concerning Cost Of Living Annual Increases (COLA) for current and future retirees from the present one, adopted in 1969, that states that the TRS "shall give" its members a 1.5% COLA in July and January of every year to a statement that the TRS "may give" a 1.5% COLA in July and

January, the decision on whether to grant a COLA (and how much) to be made each May, threatens the ability of the University System of Georgia to recruit and retain the best faculty and staff possible;

And Whereas the contributing members of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia have entered into a contractual agreement that guarantees the certainty of the current COLA benefit;

Be it resolved by the University of West Georgia Faculty Senate that the Senate opposes the proposed change as a threat to the goals of the University System of Georgia and that the secretary of the Senate shall provide the chair of the TRS Board of trustees, Dr. Virginia J. Dixon, with a copy of this resolution.

Committee VII: Institutional Studies and Planning Committee (Chair, Sunil Hazari)

Action Item:

A) The ISP Committee would like to submit the 2010-2015 Strategic Plan to the Faculty Senate for approval—**Approved. Motion made to recognize and thank Dr. Michael Crafton for his work in creating the strategic plan.**

Committee IX: Graduate Studies (Chair, Skip Clark)—All items approved

Action Items:

- A) College of Arts and Sciences
 - 1) Department of Psychology
 - a) PSYD in Psychology
 - Request: Modify
 - Action: approved

- B) College of Education
 - 1) Department of Curriculum and Instruction
 - a) EDMS 6272
 - Request: Add
 - Action: approved

 - 2) Department of Counseling and Educational Psychology
 - a) Ed.D. Professional Counseling and Supervision
 - Request: Modify
 - Action: approved

 - b) CEPD 9145
 - Request: Add
 - Action: approved

 - c) CEPD 9171
 - Request: Add

Action: approved

- d) CEPD 9183
Request: Add
Action: approved
- e) CEPD 9184
Request: Add
Action: approved
- f) CEPD 9186
Request: Add
Action: approved
- g) CEPD 9187
Request: Add
Action: approved
- h) CEPD 9199
Request: Add
Action: approved

Committee X: Honors College Committee (Chair, Don Wagner)

Action Item:

A) The Faculty Handbook (http://www.westga.edu/vpaa/index_1973.php) stipulates

306.0207* Note: Attendance at fall and spring commencement is shared by the faculty as designated by the faculty marshals. Half of the faculty who are teaching in summer are expected to attend the summer commencement. The deans will notify the Vice President for Academic Affairs who will notify the marshals of those faculty members marching.

All faculty are expected to attend Honors Convocation. Faculty members needing to be excused from their commitment should notify the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and will ordinarily be expected to find a replacement.

1. The Honors College Committee respectfully recommends that the sentence in bracketed in stars (*) in the text above be replaced by the following:
Approximately one third of faculty members are expected to attend Honors Convocation and about one third are expected to attend the fall and spring commencement ceremonies.--**Approved**
2. Finally, the Honors College Committee also recommends that any faculty member teaching in the summer who has attended one of these three ceremonies during the academic year shall not be required to march in Summer Commencement even if teaching in summer semester.—**Striken as an action item and was recommended this issue be addressed by the appropriate Faculty Senate Committee possibly Academic Policies and Procedures.**

Committee XI: Technology Planning Committee (Chair, Danilo Baylen)

Information Item:

A) Statement on E-Tuition Distribution

The committee supports the current university position on e-tuition money distribution of 40% (Department), 40% (DDEC), 20% (College) until more data is collected on how the money received is being used.

B) Statement on Extending the Existing Technology Plan

The committee recommends the extension of the existing Technology Plan (2002-2007) until a new plan is completed and approved by the Faculty Senate. Given the recent reorganization of the Information Technology Services (ITS), the extension will provide the committee more time to develop a plan that is aligned with the appropriate components of the University Strategic Plan scheduled for implementation in 2010.

5. Old Business

6. New Business—Requests were made for Technology Planning Committee to explore a better e-mail system and the adequacy of the infrastructure to support our online course management system.

Action Item

A) A draft of USG Faculty Bylaws was forwarded by the USG Faculty Council to system institutions for review. **Not Approved.**

7. Announcements

8. Adjournment—Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.