



Faculty Senate Newsletter

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Internationalization

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Learning, and Assessment

The UWG Faculty Senate met on January 25, 2019. The next meeting is February 22, 2019.

Summary of Actions

All curriculum items that were listed on the agenda were approved. However, the proposed changes to the *Faculty Handbook*, recommended by the Rules Committee, were tabled.

Other Informational Items

In the Executive Committee meeting, the work on campus in preparation for the Fifth Year SACS Report, in March of 2020, was again discussed, with an emphasis on specific faculty who will help with reviewing and editing the various parts of the report. While the Senate is cooperating with Dr. Catherine Jenks in this endeavor, many faculty members may be called upon to assist in some way.

National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)

Becky deMayo, from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment, discussed the results of the latest (NSSE), a survey used to measure student participation at universities as it relates to learning and engagement. For more information, one can email her at bdmayo@westga.edu.

Upcoming Elections

This is the year for the faculty to elect a Chair-Elect and Executive Secretary of the Senate. The Chair-Elect must be a tenured, full-time, faculty member who has served in the Senate within the prior three years. This is a four-year commitment, one as Chair-Elect, two in office, and another as past chair. While in office, the chair receives reassigned time.

The Executive Secretary's term is three years. Those interested in serving UWG in this way should contact the Senate Chair, Dr. Judy Butler jbutler@westga.edu, 678-839-6079, by February 22, 2019.

A Word from the President

Dr. Marrero discussed his transition to Georgia Southern University and expressed his appreciation to faculty and staff colleagues at UWG.

Dr. Marrero also offered an update on the proposed 2020 budget. The governor's budget includes a proposed 2% salary increase for state employees. Funding for the RCOB building is included in the budget. UWG has also raised an additional \$6.5M toward that building construction. The governor's budget also currently covers price increases related to benefits and retirement for USG employees. Current dialogue indicates a probable CPI level tuition increase for USG institutions Fall 2019. Early legislative dialogue reflects consideration of eliminating funding dual enrollment for ninth and tenth-grade students. This would have little effect on UWG.