

# ***MEMORANDUM***

**TO:** Members of the Faculty Senate  
**FROM:** Beheruz N. Sethna, President  
**RE:** Response to Senate Actions  
**DATE:** May 13, 2009

Following is my response to the actions of the Faculty Senate as represented in the minutes of the meeting of January 30, 2009, which were approved at the Faculty Senate meeting on April 3, 2009. All program approvals are made contingent upon the department's commitment to staff the changes out of existing internal funds.

## **Committee Reports:**

Item A) Undergraduate Academic Programs Committee

Motions to add and delete various courses and modify the B.S. degree (Earth Science) as listed in the minutes were approved.

I accept these motions, with the understanding mentioned below\*.

Item B) Graduate Studies Committee

Motions to add various courses and modify the M.Ed. (Physical Education) as listed in the minutes were approved.

I accept these motions, with the understanding mentioned below\*.

\* As part of the Faculty Senate discussions in Committee I (Agenda Item A) and Committee IX (Agenda Item A), the Senate was requested to approve course additions with the assurance that corresponding course deletions would follow. These Committees and Departments are asked to follow up to ensure that these deletions do indeed follow as promised. In future, departments and committees are asked to bring forward deletions at the same time as additions, with the deletions specifying an appropriate future date of implementation – even if they are a couple of years away so that commitments to existing students may be met. Not to do so leaves UWG (and the USG and higher education) vulnerable to charges that: (a) we have a much larger course inventory than we need and / or (b) there exists a large surplus of additional faculty teaching load capability. Neither of these charges is true, but our faculty is better served by not giving such an impression to detractors of higher education.