



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members of the Faculty Senate  
**FROM:** Dr. Brendan B. Kelly, President  
**RE:** President's Response to Senate Actions  
**DATE:** April 26, 2022

Following is my response to the actions of the Faculty Senate as represented in the minutes of the meeting on March 18, 2022, which were approved electronically on March 25, 2022. All program approvals are made contingent upon the department's commitment to staff the changes out of existing internal funds. Note that Section 3.6.2 of the Board of Regents Policy Manual states, inter alia: "The termination of educational programs, degrees, or majors shall be submitted to the Chancellor for review and recommendation for action by the Board of Regents." So, all program, degree, and major terminations (as well as additions) need to be approved by the Board. Our requests should include the rationale and the plan for addressing the needs of existing students.

### **Committee I: Undergraduate Programs Committee (Karen Graffius, Chair)**

Action Items:

- A) College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry
  - 1) Department of English, Film, Languages, and Performing Arts
    - a) Arts Management  
Request: Add

*Item approved with 40 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.*

**I accept this motion.**

- b) AMGT 3000 – Introduction to Arts Management  
Request: Add
- c) AMGT 3400 – Arts Management Practicum  
Request: Add

*Items b-c were taken as a block and approved with 41 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.*

**I accept this motion.**

- 2) Department of Anthropology, Psychology, and Sociology
  - a) Anthropology, B.S.  
Request: Modify

*Item approved with 43 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.*

**I accept this motion.**

- 3) Department of Natural Sciences
  - a) BIOL 2251 – Anatomy and Physiology I  
Request: Add
  - b) BIOL 2251L – Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory  
Request: Add
  - c) BIOL 2252 – Anatomy and Physiology II  
Request: Add
  - d) BIOL 2252L – Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory  
Request: Add
  - e) BIOL 2260 – Foundations of Microbiology  
Request: Add
  - f) BIOL 2260L – Foundations of Microbiology  
Request: Add

*Items a-f were taken as a block and were approved with 41 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.*

**I accept this motion.**

- g) Wildlife Ecology Certificate  
Request: Add

*Item approved with 40 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.*

**I accept this motion.**

- B) Richards College of Business
  - 1) Department of Management
    - a) Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management Minor  
Request: Modify
    - b) Management, B.B.A.  
Request: Modify

*Items a-b were taken as a block and approved with 36 in favor, 1 opposed, and 5 abstentions.*

**I accept this motion.**

- C) University College
  - 1) Department of Civic Engagement and Public Service
    - a) CRIM 4300 – Environmental Crime  
Request: Add

*Item approved with 40 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions.*

**I accept this motion.**

**Committee II: Graduate Programs Committee (Dena Kniess, Chair)**

Action Items:

- A) College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry
  - 1) Computing and Mathematics
    - a) Applied Computer Science, M.S.  
Request: Modify

*Item approved with 36 in favor, 4 opposed, and 3 abstentions.*

**I accept this motion.**

- B) University College
  - 1) Civic Engagement and Political Science
    - a) Criminology, M.A. (Face-to-Face Modality)  
Request: Deactivate Program

*Item approved with 37 in favor, 3 opposed, and 4 abstentions.*

**I accept this motion.**

- C) Graduate Catalog 2022-23 – Graduate Course Loads for GA Eligibility (Figure 4)  
Request: Modify

*During the presentation of this item, Dr. Toby Ziglar, the Dean of the Graduate School, confirmed that students would be allowed to keep their graduate assistantships while taking six hours, nullifying the need for the exemption form that was required in the past. (See the March 18, 2022 Faculty Senate Meeting Zoom Recording beginning at 38:45)*

*Once confirmed, this item was approved with 41 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions.*

**I accept this motion.**

**Committee IX: Rules Committee (Angela Branyon, Chair)**

Action Items:

A) *UWG Policies and Procedures Handbook*

- 1) Title Change for *Policies and Procedures Handbook* (Figure 8)  
Request: Modify

*Item was approved with 31 in favor, 2 opposed, and 5 abstentions. This item will be brought to the General Faculty for a vote in April 2022 according to Article IV, Section 3 of the UWG Policies and Procedures Manual.*

**I reserve my decision until after the General Faculty vote in on this item.**

- 2) Table of Contents for the *Policies and Procedures Handbook* (Figure 9)  
Request: Modify
- 3) Appendix A (Figure 10)  
Request: Add

*Items 2-3 were taken as a block and were approved with 35 in favor, 2 opposed, and 1 abstention. This item will be brought to the General Faculty for a vote in April 2022 according to Article IV, Section 3 of the UWG Policies and Procedures Manual.*

**The Academic Policies and Procedures Manual that guides Academic Affairs at the University of West Georgia conveys content relevant to the operationalization of shared governance and which is helpful to achieving the academic mission of the institution. It is a document dedicated to policies and procedures. The proposed content has been received by the Office of the President and exists as part of the record of the Faculty Senate (figure 7 of the minutes of the March 26, 2021 Faculty Senate meeting). It does not represent or contain a policy or procedure. Consequently, I reject these motions.**

- 4) Article IV, Section 2: Faculty Senate Organization (Figure 11)  
Request: Modify

*Item was approved with 37 in favor, 2 opposed, and 1 abstention. This item will be brought to the General Faculty for a vote in April 2022 according to Article IV, Section 3 of the UWG Policies and Procedures Manual.*

**I reject this motion on the basis that it needs to first go to the General Faculty preceding my consideration.**

- 5) By-Laws of the Faculties and Faculty Senate: Article III
  - a) A. Meetings (Figure 12)  
Request: Modify

*Item was approved with 33 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions. This item will be brought to the General Faculty for a vote in April 2022 according to Article IV, Section 3 of the UWG Policies and Procedures Manual.*

**The motion in Figure 12 does not reference the current Article III. A section of the UWG Policies and Procedures Manual. Rather, it references a version that was previously presented on January 21, 2022 (addendum V) that was rejected in my response dated February 21, 2022. I recommend that the Faculty Senate revisit this item and send a corrected version for my consideration. I reject this motion.**

- b) F. Quorum  
Request: Modify

*After a discussion over what members of the Senate interpreted quorum to mean, this item was remitted back to committee for further revision. Chair Branyon thanked the body for their input and feedback.*

**Committee XI: Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Committee (Jason Swift, Chair)**

Action Item: (Figure 13)

- A) Student Evaluation Instrument (SEI) Revision

*Item approved with 41 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.*

**I accept this motion.**