



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate
FROM: Dr. Brendan B. Kelly, President
RE: President's Response to Senate Actions
DATE: May 19, 2021

Following is my response to the actions of the Faculty Senate as represented in the minutes of the meeting of April 16, 2021, which were approved electronically on April 23, 2021. 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 Reports

Committee I: Undergraduate Programs Committee (Rosemary Kellison, Chair)

Action Items:

- A) College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry
 - 1) Department of Anthropology, Psychology, and Sociology
 - a) ANTH 4121 – Drugs, Culture, & Society
Request: Add

Item unanimously approved.

I accept this motion.

- 2) Department of English, Film, Language, and Performing Arts
 - a) FREN 4100 – French Film Internship
Request: Add

Item unanimously approved.

I accept this motion.

- 3) Department of Mathematics, Sciences, and Technology
 - a) CHEM 1151K – Survey of Chemistry I
Request: Delete

- b) CHEM 1152K – Survey of Chemistry II
Request: Delete

Item unanimously approved.

I accept this motion.

- B) Tanner Health Systems School of Nursing
- 1) NURS 3197 – Professional Nursing Practice
Request: Add
 - 2) NURS 3297 – Nursing Research Application
Request: Add
 - 3) NURS 3397 – Health Assessment
Request: Add
 - 4) NURS 4497 – Community Health Nursing
Request: Add
 - 5) NURS 4597 – Leadership and Management
Request: Add

Items 1-5 were taken as a block and approved with 44 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

I accept this motion.

- 6) NURS 4508 – Leadership and Management Practicum
Request: Modify

Item approved with 47 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

I accept this motion.

- 7) NURS 3200 – Student Success Seminar
Request: Add
- 8) NURS 3300 – Student Success Seminar
Request: Add
- 9) NURS 4090 – Student Success Seminar
Request: Add
- 10) NURS 4100 – Student Success Seminar
Request: Add

Items 7-10 were taken as a block and approved with 46 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.

I accept this motion.

- C) University College
- 1) B.I.S. Pathway in Forensic Science and Investigation
Request: Add New Interdisciplinary Pathway

- 2) B.I.S. Pathway in Religion
Request: Add New Interdisciplinary Pathway

Items 1 and 2 were taken as a block and approved with 42 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

I accept this motion.

- 3) XIDS 2002: Special Topics.
Request: Add New Topics

Item approved with 44 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.

I accept this motion.

- D) Richards College of Business
- 1) Department of Management
 - a) CISM 3265 – Contemporary Issues in MIS
Request: Add
 - b) CISM 4384 – MIS Study Abroad
Request: Add
 - c) CISM 4500 – Advanced Networking: Switching, Routing, and Wireless
Request: Add
 - d) CISM 4600 – Advanced Enterprise Networking, Security, and Automation
Request: Add

Items a-d were taken as a block and approved with 44 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

I accept this motion.

- e) Management Information Systems, B.B.A.
Request: Modify
- f) Management, B.B.A.
Request: Modify

Items e and f were taken as a block and approved with 43 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

I accept this motion.

- g) Management Information Systems Minor
Request: Modify

Item was approved with 41 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstentions

I accept this motion.

- h) Enterprise Systems and Data Analytics Minor
Request: Add
- i) IoT, Networking, and Cyber Security Minor
Request: Add
- j) Small Business Management Minor
Request: Add
- k) Supply Chain Management Minor
Request: Add

Items h-k were taken as a block and approved with 42 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

I accept this motion.

Committee II: Graduate Programs Committee (Connie Barbour, Chair)

Action Items:

- A) College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry
 - 1) Department of English, Film, Language, and Performing Arts
 - a) Master of Music with a Concentration in Music Education, M.M.
Request: Modify
 - b) Master of Music with a Concentration in Music Performance, M.M.
Request: Modify

Items a and b were taken as a block and approved with 44 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

I accept this motion.

- B) College of Education
 - 1) Department of Educational Technology and Foundations
 - a) School Library Media Certificate in Instructional Technology, Media, and Design
Request: Add

Item was approved with 43 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

I accept this motion.

- C) Richards College of Business
 - 1) Department of Management
 - a) CISM 5500 – Advanced Networking: Switching, Routing and Wireless
Request: Add
 - b) CISM 5600 – Advanced Enterprise Networking, Security, and Automation
Request: Add

Items a and b were taken as a block and approved with 39 in favor, 2 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

I accept this motion.

- c) Master of Business Administration, M.B.A.
Request: Modify

Item was approved with 41 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

I accept this motion.

- D) University College
 - 1) Department of Civic Engagement and Public Service
 - a) POLS 5222 – Leadership in the Public and Nonprofit Sectors
Request: Add

Item approved with 40 in favor, 2 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

I accept this motion.

- E) Mass Communications
 - 1) COMM 6055 – Seminar-Topics in Digital and Social Media Communication
Request: Add
 - 2) COMM 6056 – Digital and Social Media Communication Storytelling
Request: Add
 - 3) COMM 6057 – Digital and Social Media Communication Strategies
Request: Add
 - 4) COMM 6058 – Digital and Social Media Communication Analytics and Evaluation
Request: Add
 - 5) COMM 6600 – Digital and Social Media Communication Theories
Request: Add
 - 6) COMM 6654 – Digital and Social Media Communication Law
Request: Add
 - 7) COMM 6655 – Digital and Social Media Communication Capstone
Request: Add
 - 8) COMM 6684 – Research Methods in Digital and Social Media Communication
Request: Add

Items 1-8 were taken as a block and approved with 38 in favor, 2 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

- 9) Digital and Social Media Communication
Request: Add

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

I accept these motions.

Information Items:

- A) College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry
 - 1) Department of Mathematics, Science and Technology
 - a) Mathematics with a Concentration in Applied Mathematics, M.S.

Request: Deactivate

b) Mathematics with a Concentration in Teaching, M.S.

Request: Deactivate

Items a and b are being deactivated due to low enrollment.

I have no comment.

B) Richards College of Business

1) Department of Management

a) Georgia WebMBA®

Request: Modify

To align with other participating institutions in the Georgia WebMBA Consortium, they are waiving the GMAT requirement and will maintain the 2.5 GPA minimum. Two years of professional work experience are still required.

I have no comment.

b) Masters of Business Administration, M.B.A.

Request: Modify

To remain competitive in the MBA marketplace, they are extending the GMAT waiver to all students with a 2.80 or higher GPA for a regular admission and for students with a 2.50 to a 2.79 for a provisional admission.

I have no comment.

Committee III: Academic Programs Committee (Emily McKendry-Smith, Chair)

Information Items:

A) Honors College Graduation Requirements (Figure 3)

These modifications allow for more students to participate in the Honors Program, specifically transfer students or students who have already earned some credit hours that would count towards the Honors college Graduation Requirements.

B) Incomplete Grade Form (Figure 4)

The Incomplete Grade Form has been revised in order to include more information about the completion process, as well as adding gender neutral language, and a space to include due dates for outstanding assignments.

C) UWG Faculty Handbook 207.04

1) 207.04.F. – Procedures for Grade Appeals (Figure 5.1 and Figure 5.2)

These modifications include the addition of some timeframes for the process as the form moves through the approval chain. The Student Grade Appeal Form itself has also been modified based on student feedback.

I have no comment.

Committee IV: Faculty Development Committee (Mark Faucette, Chair)

Information Item:

A) Faculty Development Committee Report

- *The Committee awarded 12 Faculty Research Grants from 27 applicants in the amount of \$49,541---roughly half of what was requested. The Committee expresses their thanks to Julie Hawk for all her work on the Faculty Research Grants.*
- *A new eDossier platform is now available in Google for faculty who are preparing materials for promotion, tenure, or post-tenure review. Visit this link for more information about the new platform and how to access the templates or transfer your current eDossier from the existing platform. Please complete the transition process by December 2021, before Google discontinues the original platform.*

B) Patrick Erben will serve as the Chair of the Faculty Development Committee for the 2021-2022 Academic Year.

I thank Dr. Erben for serving as Chair of the Faculty Development Committee for the 2021-2022 Academic Year.

Committee V: Institutional Planning Committee (Cale Self, Chair)

Information Item:

A) Cale Self will continue to serve as the Chair of the Institutional Planning Committee for the 2021-2022 Academic Year.

I thank Dr. Self for serving as the Chair of the Institutional Planning Committee for the 2021-2022 Academic Year.

Committee VII: Facilities and Information Technology Committee (John Hansen, Chair)

Information Items:

A) Parking Policy Changes for the 2021-2022 Academic Year (Figure 6)

There will be an increase in parking fees for employees on campus as outlined in Figure 6. After several questions related to this increase in parking fees, the drop in revenue from campus parking, the impact of covid on this revenue source, how campus shuttles factor into this fee structure, and the use of past revenue surplus on any parking budget debts incurred since FY19, the conversation turned to faculty concerns regarding why these fee increases were not taken to

or discussed by the Faculty Senate Budget Committee, why they were not put on the UWG Website for feedback, and whether the increase of parking fees would cover shortfalls in other areas of the campus budget. Chair Williams moved to continue this discussion under new business as the increase in parking fees was an information item and not an action item that required Faculty Senate approval. (See April 16, 2021 Zoom Meeting, beginning at 2:09:13).

I have no comment.

- B) Yvonne Fuentes will serve as the Chair of the Facilities and Information Technology Committee for the 2021-2022 Academic Year

I thank Dr. Fuentes for serving as the Chair of the Facilities and Information Technology Committee for the 2021-2022 Academic Year.

Committee X: Rules Committee (Angela Branyon, Chair)

Action Item:

- A) UWG *Policies and Procedure Manual* (Figure 7)
 - 1) Article IV, Section 2. J. 2
Request: Modify

Item approved unanimously. This item will be brought to the General Faculty for a vote in August 2021 according to Article IV, Section 3 of the UWG Policies and Procedures Manual. As there are several other committees going through the same modification process as UPC and GPC due to the reapportionment of the Faculty Senate after the reorganization of the colleges, all modifications to Article IV, Section 2.J. will be brought to the General Faculty for a vote as a block in August 2021 at the Fall General Faculty Meeting.

Chair Williams noted that the Faculty Senate will be meeting in June to approve these modifications, and Chair Branyon reminded the Faculty Senate Committee Chairs to please send those modifications to her in the next few weeks. The deadline for agenda items for the June 11, 2021 Faculty Senate meeting is June 4.

I accept this motion.

Information Item:

- A) Angela Branyon will continue to serve as the Chair of the Rules Committee for the 2021-2022 Academic Year.

I thank Dr. Branyon for serving as the Chair of the Rules Committee for the 2021-2022 Academic Year.