

**University of West Georgia
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes**

**October 19, 2012
Approved November 16, 2012**

1. Meeting convened in room 1-303 of the Technology-enhanced Learning Center and called to order by Chair Jeff Johnson at 3:05 PM.
2. Roll Call

Present

Banford, Basu-Dutt, Deng, DeNie, DeSilva, Erben, Farmer, Geisler, Gezon, Hasbun, Haynes, Jenks, Boldt (substitute for Kassis), Keim, Kramer, Leach, Lloyd, Mayer, Moffeit, Noori, Parrish, Penco, Ponder, Popov, Ringlaben, Robinson, Rutledge, Samples, Fleming (substitute for Sanders), Schroer, Skott-Myhre, Thompson, Van Valen, Vasconcellos, Welch, Stonier (substitute for Willox), Yeong.

Absent

Blair, DeFoor, Gant, Halonen-Rollins, Hooper, Kilpatrick, Morris, Packard, Pitzulo, Riker, Smith.

3. Approval of the minutes of the September 21st meeting

Correction: Sandra Thompson was present

Minutes approved as corrected.

4. Committee Reports

Committee I: Undergraduate Programs (Chair, Jim Mayer)

Action Items:

A) College of Education

- 1) Department of Early Learning and Childhood Education
 - a) Endorsement – Birth through Five
Request: Deactivate
Action: Approved

Item A.1.a approved by unanimous consent.

B) College of Arts and Humanities

- 1) Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures
 - a) Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Foreign Languages and Literatures

Request: Modify—correct number of credit hours
Action: Approved.

Items B.1.a and B.1.d considered in a block. (See B.1.d for action)

- b) Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Foreign Languages and Literatures
Request: Modify – replace Spanish certification sequence
Action: Approved. Note that wording of request was changed to the following: Add Concentration: SPANISH with certification in Early Childhood Education

Item B.1.b motion withdrawn.

- c) Minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies
Request: Modify electives
Action: Approved.

Concerns were raised in reference to this change and whether or not the change will achieve goals for gender and sexuality studies. It was pointed out that disciplinary approaches vary across Colleges.

The Senate voted to send item B.1.c back to committee and it was recommended that the committee seek input from Women's Studies and Gender Studies faculty.

- d) FREN 4000
Request: Add
Action: Approved

Items B.1.a and B.1.d approved by unanimous consent.

- 2) Department of History
 - a) HIST 3500
Request: Add
Action: Approved. Add note that course should be repeatable for credit
 - b) HIST 4209
Request: Add
Action: Approved
 - c) HIST 4210
Request: Add
Action: Approved
 - d) HIST 4285
Request: Add
Action: Approved. Add note that course should be repeatable for credit.

- e) HIST 4385
Request: Add
Action: Approved. Add note that course should be repeatable for credit.

Items B.2.a-e approved by unanimous consent.

- C) College of Science and Mathematics
 - 1) Department of Computer Science
 - a) CS 2001
Request: Delete
Action: Approved
 - b) CS 4290
Request: Delete
Action: Approved
 - c) CS 4320
Request: Delete
Action: Approved
 - d) CS 4911
Request: Delete
Action: Approved

Items C.1.a-d approved by unanimous consent.

- 2) Department of Geosciences
 - a) GEOG 4400
Request: Add
Action: Approved. Course fee changed to “\$45 Geosciences Science Fee”

Item C.2.a approved by unanimous consent.

- D) College of Social Sciences
 - 1) Department of Sociology
 - a) Bachelor of Science with a Major in Sociology
Request: Terminate Sociology Pre-Major
Action: Approved.
 - 2) Department of Mass Communications
 - a) COMM 2110
Request: Add
Action: Approved

- E) School of Nursing

- a) Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Request: Modify
Action: Approved.

Items D.1.a-E.a approved by unanimous consent.

Information Items:

- A) College of Science and Mathematics
 - 1) Department of Computer Science
 - a) CS 1301
Request: Modify prerequisites
Action: Approved.
 - b) CS 3151
Request: Modify prerequisites
Action: Approved.
 - c) CS 3202
Request: Modify prerequisites
Action: Approved.
 - d) CS 3212
Request: Modify prerequisites
Action: Approved.

B) General

Jon Anderson suggested that in the interest of streamlined procedures program changes involving pre-major programs might best be routed directly to the VPAA's office in the future. He suggested that the UPC might address this at a future meeting.

Dr. Lara Willox, Dept. of Learning and Teaching was elected chair of the General Education Subcommittee of the UPC.

Committee II: Graduate Programs (Chair, Mark S. Parrish)

Action Items:

- A) College of Education
 - 1) Department of Leadership and Instruction
 - a) Master of Arts in Teaching Major in Teacher Education
Request: Modify
Action: Approved

Item A.1.a approved by unanimous consent.

- b) Master of Education with a Major in Secondary Education
Request: Modify, see attachment
Action: Approved

- c) Master of Education with a Major in Middle Grades Education
Request: Modify
Action: Approved

Items A.1.b and A.1.c approved by unanimous consent

B) Modification to Graduate Academic Standing Policy Proposed Revision—Presented by John Ponder

Motion: Amend the Academic Standing policy for College of Education graduate programs to include the statement: “Any graduate level student earning a grade of F, regardless of his/her academic standing, will be referred to his/her program and, at the discretion of the program, may be suspended or dismissed from the program.”

Action: Approved

A friendly amendment made to change “grade of F” to “grade of F or WF.” Parrish acknowledged that this aligned with the committee’s intent.

With friendly amendment, motion was approved unanimously.

Approved wording follows:

College of Education

Good Academic Standing for a student enrolled in a Non-Degree Initial Certification Program for teacher certification is defined as a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher.

Any graduate level student earning a grade of *F* or *WF*, regardless of his/her academic standing, will be referred to his/her program and, at the discretion of the program, may be suspended from the program.

A student will be dismissed from the following two programs if he or she earns two C’s or one F.

- Ed.D. in School Improvement
- Ed.D. in Professional Counseling and Supervision

Committee IV: Academic Policies Committee (Chair, David Leach)

Action Item:

- A) Proposal: The Academic Policies Committee requests that the Faculty Senate approve modifications to Section 208 of the Faculty Handbook.

Preamble: The policy was and proposed changes highlighted. The modifications improve the clarity of the section and make the following substantive changes:

Changing the title of Section 208 from "Subcommittee for Dishonesty and Grade Determination Appeals" to "Academic Appeals." This is more appropriate because Section 208 also includes general appeals for admission to the University.

Adding back the requirement that a grade appeal must be "concluded no later than one year, 12 calendar months, after the assignment of the grade." This requirement was inadvertently omitted during the previous modification.

Spells out that there are three types of academic appeals:

- a. Admission appeals
- b. Grade appeals (2 types - academic dishonesty and grade determination)
- c. Academic Suspension (one term, one year) or Academic Dismissal from the University

Changes the name of the General Appeals Subcommittee to "Admission Appeals Subcommittee."

Motion approved by unanimous consent. (See attachment)

5. Announcements

- a. Good Librations, a series hosted by the UWG library, will begin Oct. 26. The goal is to feature resources available for scholarly work.
- b. Rutledge, Budget Committee Chair, provided an update on the faculty salary study. Sibson Consulting will conduct the study and will be on campus to discuss the faculty salary study on Wednesday, October 24th, 4:00-5:00PM in TLC 1305. A PowerPoint presentation on the methodology for the study will be provided through the All-Faculty Listserv.

6. Without objection the meeting was declared adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Harmon McCord, Faculty Senate Executive Secretary