

*University of West Georgia
Faculty Senate Minutes
March 14, 2008
Approved April 18, 2008*

Date: April 11, 2008

Call to Order: The meeting was convened in room 303 of the TLC. Chair pro-tem Randy Hendricks called the meeting to order at: 3:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Aanstoos, Best, Bray, Carballo (for Snipes) Chibbaro, Elman, Fulkerson, Harkins, Hazari (for Gaytan), Hendricks, Holland, Huff, Kim (for Gunnels), Lloyd, MacKinnon, Mayer, McCord, Murphy, Packard, Penceo, Ramanathan, Shunn (for Kirk), Smith, Thomas-Fair, Webb.

Not in Attendance: Abbot, Moffeit, Mowling

Minutes: The minutes of the February 1, 2008, meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved after noting that the meeting took place in the Humanities Bldg., not the TLC.

Dr. Hendricks requested a change in the order of the agenda because of scheduling issues:

Committee IX: Graduate Studies; Chair – Charles Clark

Action Items:

A) College of Arts and Sciences:

- 1) Dept. of History – Graduate program modification of the foreign-language requirement. Question called and Motion made: Approved (with 1 “No” vote).
- 2) Dept. of Psychology – Addition of 12 courses as a result of the Psy.D. program. Question called and Motion made: Approved.

B) College of Education:

- 1) Dept. of Media and Instructional Technology – Modification of the Ed.S. in Media (Media Track) program. Question called and Motion made: Approved.
- 2) Dept. of Special Education and Speech Language Pathology:
 - a. Addition of two courses and deletion of one course in the SLPA program. Question called and Motion made: Approved.
 - b. Deletion of an SPED course.

Information Item:

COGS minutes approved and online: www.westga.edu/~cogs/minutes/

Committee I: Undergraduate Academic Programs; Chair – Diane Fulkerson

Action Items:

A) College of Arts and Sciences:

- 1) Dept. of Anthropology – Modification of the Anthropology major and the addition of two new courses. Question called and motion made: Approved.

- 2) Dept. of Biology – Deletion of 5 courses: Question called and motion made: Approved.
 - 3) Dept. of English:
 - a. Modification of the English Education Track and the addition of two courses. Question called and motion made: Approved.
 - b. Program modification of the Africana Studies Minor and addition of one course. Question called and motion made: Approved.
 - 4) Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literatures – Addition of a German course on Austrian culture and literature. Question called and motion made: Approved.
 - 5) Dept. of Geosciences:
 - a. Program modification of the BS in Geography. Question called and motion made: Approved.
 - b. Course addition. Question called and motion made: Approved.
 - c. Course modification to add an external exam with course fee. Discussion ensued on why this came to the Faculty Senate – was it needed? Dr. Hynes said this was a program modification because the exam was now part of it. Question called and motion made: Approved.
 - 6) Dept. of History – Course addition and deletion taken care of in 3) b above.
 - 7) Dept. of Mathematics – Course deletion. Question called and motion made: Approved.
- B) College of Education:
- 1) Dept. of Special Education and Speech Language Pathology
 - a. Program modifications and course changes due to accreditation requirements. Question called and motion made: Approved.
 - b. Course modification of SPED 3715. Question called and motion made: Approved.
- C) Richards College of Business
- 1) Dept. of Economics – Course addition (ECON 3480). Question called and motion made: Approved.
 - 2) Dept. of Management – Program modification of Management Information Systems program. Question called and motion made: Approved.

Information Items:

- A) College of Arts and Sciences:
- 1) Dept. of Anthropology – Course modification presented
 - 2) Dept. of Biology – Modification of 30 courses presented.
 - 3) Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literature – Course modification presented.
 - 4) Dept. of mathematics – Course modification presented.
- B) College of Education:
- 1) Dept. of Physical Education and Recreation – Modification of 5 courses presented.
- C) Richards College of Business:
- 1) Dept. of Accounting and Finance – Course modification presented.
 - 2) Dept. of Management – Modifications of 3 courses presented.

Committee III: Faculty and Administrative Staff Personnel: Chair – Chris Huff

Information Item:

- A) Revisions to UWG policy for Promotion and Tenure to line up more with the Mission Statement and BOR changes. The BOR now has one area for Promotion and one area for Tenure. Dr. Sethna noted that this will be on the August BOR meeting agenda. Dr. Bray asked about time on this campus as it relates to tenure; Dr. Crafton responded that this had not changed.

Dr. Hynes further noted that Promotion and Tenure are separate actions; Dr. Sethna said that the BOR actually votes for these in separate months. As a clarification, Dr. Crafton said that Promotion and Tenure are no longer a BOR vote.

It was noted to the Faculty Senate that Art and Music have separate lines (2g, 2h) in the Faculty Handbook (103.0302 E. Evidentiary Sources Relevant to Promotion) yet in Section 4 (Professional Growth and Development) there is only 4e (“Successful performances...”). Dr. Hynes recommended that FASP take up continued discussions for clarity in this issue. Dr. Sethna suggested possible department clarification after review by that college’s Dean.

Committee IV: Learning Resources: Chair – Chair; Aran MacKinnon

Thanks were given to the VPAA, Dr. Hynes, for the pool of available monies for LRC. The LRC grants were noted as an information item.

Senate Ad Hoc Rules Committee – Chairs; Janet Donohoe and Aran MacKinnon

Recommendation to the Faculty Senate may include the following 10 items:

- To establish a University Ombudsperson
- To establish a Salary and Budget Committee
- To establish a faculty member as Executive Secretary to preside over Senate
- To expand Senate to represent the broader and growing membership of faculty in the campus community
- To establish Co-chambers for Staff and Students
- To establish an elected Senate Executive to replace or merge with PAC
- To establish a permanent Rules Committee
- To enhance Faculty roles in governance as direct contributors in decision-making at all levels
- To enhance direct lines of communication between faculty and all levels of administration
- To establish an online information clearing house for all senate committee reports, information, and minutes

Plans for “Town Hall” meetings and recommendations to the Faculty Senate in the April meeting. Dr. Sethna asked about communication and interactions with the President or Vice-President? (during the process or afterwards? His preference is for interactions which the process is unfolding).

Three public forums:

College of Arts and Sciences: March 28

Richards College of Business: March 26

College of Education: _____

Dr. Sethna said he would attend these community meetings if an invitation was offered. Dr. MacKinnon noted that the invitation is, indeed, offered.

Old Business: none was presented

New Business: none was presented

Announcements:

- 1) Dr. Hendricks note that there was one more Faculty Senate meeting before the summer seating on new members. He also note the need to elect a new Chair Pro-tem; he is “actively seeking nominations.”

Adjournment: Motion was made and seconded by the departure of the members of the Faculty Senate at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Reigner, Executive Secretary