

University of West Georgia
Faculty Senate Minutes
March 16, 2007
Approved April 20, 2007

Date: April 13, 2007

Call to Order: The meeting was convened in room 1-303 of the Technology-Enhanced Learning Center. Interim Chair Randy Hendricks called the meeting to order at: 3:02 p.m.

Roll Call : Abbott; Alberg; Bray; Chibbaro; Fulkerson; Harkins; Hendricks, C; Hendricks, R; Holland; Lloyd; MacKinnon; Mayer; Moffeit; Morris; Murphy; Pencoe; Prince; Ray; Reber; Snipes; Webb; Wilson; Yoder.

Not in Attendance: Dwight, Espinosa, Gainey, Kirk, Mowling, Rutherford.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2007, meeting of the Faculty Senate was made by C. Hendricks and seconded by Lloyd. (Correction: R. Hendricks was absent from the February 2, 2007, Faculty Senate meeting.). Approved.

Committee I: Undergraduate Academic Program: Chair: Jeffrey Reber

Action Items:

A) College of Arts and Sciences:

- 1) Biology Dept. – major changes in the Biology program were presented by Henry Zot. Dr. Ray asked about the absence of organic chemistry and noted that these changes were new to him. Dr. Zot answered that students could enroll in biochemistry or organic chemistry. Dr. Ray asked, “At what point does a scientist stop being (taking) science?” and about student preparation for the MCAT exam (for pre-med students). Dr. Zot responded that pre-med students were well advised to take a second chemistry class, etc. Motion made: Approved.
- 2) Chemistry Dept. – program modifications, additions, and deletions: Approved
- 3) Dept. of Biology and Dept. of Geosciences – Course addition. As per the ISCI 2001 standards, we want to better prepare elementary education teachers for teaching science (only for elementary ed in Area F). Motion made: Approved.
- 4) Dept. of Geosciences
 - a. Course addition: (4 credit hours; 3 plus 1 lab) Motion made: Approved.
 - b. Program addition: This course addresses how to add a database to a map. Note: though missing from the faculty packet for today’s meeting, the Geographic Information Systems Minor was sent as an addendum to the agenda for today’s meeting by Dr. R. Hendricks. Motion made: Approved.

B) College of Education:

- 1) Dept. of Physical Education and Recreation – Laura Hatfield spoke to course additions and modifications for career prep in sports management. Motion made:

Approved.

C) Richards College of Business:

- 1) Program modification of Bachelor of Business Administration degree for a double major to meet market demands. Motion made: Approved.
- 2) Dept. of Management and Business Information Systems - program modifications and course addition. Motion made: Approved.
- 3) Dept. of Marketing and Real Estate – Addition of a Sales Certification program and course addition. Motion made: Approved.

D) Course hour limitations policy – request that this be set at 6 credit hours max.
Motion made: Approved.

Information Items: Modification of courses in the Department of Chemistry, College of Arts and Sciences; modification of courses in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation, College of Education; and modification of courses in the Dept. of Management and Business Information Systems and in the Dept. of Marketing and Real Estate, Richards College of Business, were presented to the Faculty Senate.

Committee III – Faculty and Administrative Staff Personnel: Chair: Cher Hendricks

Action Item:

Dept. of Nursing: Dr. Carol Wilson addressed the Senate as to the creation of non-tenure ranks for clinical faculty in Nursing to assistant and associate professor status (not full professor without a Ph.D.). Discussion and questions were raised as to why not a lecturer, etc. Wilson informed the Senate that Georgia mandates a 1-to-10 faculty/student ratio in clinical courses. Question was raised as to whether these positions would possibly lead to a loss of tenure-track lines. Reasoning was given that UWG is finding it very difficult to attract these clinical experts at current salaries and benefits. Motion made: Approved.

Chair of Faculty Senate – Dr. Randy Hendricks was elected chair pro-tem at last Friday's FS meeting for the April Faculty Senate meeting. Motion made by A. MacKinnon and seconded by C. Hendricks that R. Hendricks continue in this role; that the "mood of the house" was to keep R. Hendricks as Chair. Approved.

Committee IX: Graduate Studies: Chair: Charles Clark

Action Items:

A) College of Arts and Sciences:

- 1) Dept. of Nursing – modification of the MSN program by adding Distance Education (not practitioner based). There are none in Georgia yet! Motion made: Approved.

B) College of Education:

- 1) Dept. of Media and Instructional Technology - modification and addition of courses addressed by Dr. Bray. Motion made: Approved.
- 2) Dept. of Special Education and Speech-Language Pathology – addition of 18 courses in response to PSC certification requirements addressed by Dr. Hazelkorn

Motion made: Approved.

- C) Richards College of Business:
 - 1) Dept. of Management and Business information Systems – course addition and course modification (due to MBA program changes). Motion made: Approved.

Information Items:

- A) College of Arts and Sciences:
 - 1) Dept. of Sociology and Criminology – course modification.
- B) College of Education:
 - 1) Dept. of Special Education and Speech-Language Pathology – course modifications.
- C) Richards College of Business:
 - 1) Dept. of Management and Business Information Systems – course modifications.
 - 2) Dept. of Accounting and Finance – course modifications.
- D) COGS minutes are on-line and available for review.

Announcements

- 1) Dr. Hynes spoke of his seeking the GUM (General University Matters) committee input on UWG's alcohol policy in light of the Centennial Committee's upcoming GooGoo Dolls concert on April 26th. Discussion, questions, and answers were given.
- 2) Dr. Hynes spoke on the university's strategic planning process. IRPC (Institutional Research and Planning Committee). This will be an open process and he encouraged faculty participation. The recently Climate and Culture Survey has input to SWAT (Core goals and Aspirational goals). Chancellor Davis has noted that goals must be tied to financial considerations. There will be monthly Senate reports and open meetings. Dr. Crafton then asked for volunteers and a committee was formed with Drs. Chibbaro, R. Hendricks, Reber, and Lloyd.
- 3) Motion was made to establish an ad hoc rules committee. Discussion ensued as to the initial constitution of this committee: a member of each Senate sub-committee or chairs of each Senate subcommittee and to invite others on campus. Dr. Holland recommended AAUP representation. Motion made by C. Hendricks and seconded by MacKinnon: Approved.

Adjournment: Motion was made seconded by the departure of the members of the Faculty Senate at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Reigner, Executive Secretary.