

University of West Georgia
Faculty Senate Minutes
Dec. 7, 2007
Approved February 1, 2008

Date: Jan. 19, 2008

Call to Order: The meeting was convened in room 312 of the Humanities Building. Chair pro-tem Randy Hendricks called the meeting to order at: 3:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Abbott, Bray, Elman, Fulkerson, Gunnels, Harkins, Hendricks, Holland, Huff, Kirk, Lloyd, Mayer, McCord, Moffeit, Murphy, Packard, Ramanathan, Smith, Talpade (for Webb).

Not in Attendance: Aanstoos, Best, Chibbaro, Gaytan, MacKinnon, Mowling, Penceo, Snipes, Thomas-Fair

Minutes: The minutes of the November 2, 2007, meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved.

Committee I: Undergraduate Academic Program: Chair - Diane Fulkerson

Action Items:

A) College of Arts and Sciences:

- 1) Dept. of English – Modification to the Minor in Creative Writing and the addition of a course. Hynes asked if ENGL 2060 was to be for gen ed credit. That question will be sent to the Gen Ed subcommittee. Crafton noted that this required course “may be taken” in Area B. Motion made: Approved.
- 2) Dept. of History – Addition of two American religion courses. Motion made: Approved.
- 3) Dept. of Foreign Languages – Addition of a BA in Foreign Languages, German track, French track, or Spanish track and the deletion of a BA Degree with a Major in French, German, or Spanish. Motion made: Approved.
- 4) Dept. of Nursing – Modification of the BSN in Nursing (prep course for professional license). Motion made: Approved.
- 5) Dept. of Political Science – Modification of the BA and BS in Political Science. Motion made: Approved.

B) Richards College of Business

- 1) Dept. of Economics – Modification of the BS in Economics with a Secondary Education Certification program. Motion made: Approved.

Information Items:

A) College of Arts and Sciences:

- 1) Dept. of English – Modification of four courses presented.

2) Dept. of Music – Modification of sixty-one courses presented.
Committee II: Academic Policy and Procedures: Chair – Kathy Moffeit

Action Item:

- A) Moffeit addressed the change in wording of the UWG class attendance policy in that there would be more pre-planning by students possible; for students, at the outset, to work with their professors. Hynes asked about accommodations for student grievances. Much discussion ensued. It was noted that some sanctioned university-supported activities (sports, debate team, etc.) take more time away from classes than most others. Some sports in particular (baseball and softball) play over forty games per semester! Absences are very difficult for science courses with labs, theater arts, etc.

Motion made to adjourn the Faculty Senate meeting and reconvene as a Committee of the Whole: Approved.

Re-wording of the second sentence of the Class Attendance Policy to read “...student should be accommodated...” “as the professor deems reasonable.” This new wording allows students to make a grade appeal. Still, they must consult with their instructors as quickly as possible. Motion made to accept the new policy statement with rewording: Approved.

Rise and Report to the Faculty Senate. Motion made: Approved.

Faculty Senate reconvened. Motion made on the revised Class Attendance Policy: Approved

Information Items:

- A) Starting in Fall, 2008, Drop/Add will be three days. After some discussion, it was decided to send this back to the committee.
- B) Adoption of a mandatory online course evaluation process. After some discussion, it was decided to send this back to the committee.

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

Action Item:

- A) Revisions to the Faculty Handbook, sect. 107.01 (Oversight and Administration of Alternative Dispute Resolution Program). The Committee will meet at least once a semester and elect a chair (who may be re-elected for one subsequent term) to serve a two-year term. Requests for Mediation may be made by any member of the University Community.

Committee IV: Learning Resources: Chair – Aran MacKinnon (not present)

- A) Information items only were noted and will be discussed at a future Faculty Senate meeting.

Committee VII: Institutional Studies and Planning: Chair – Michael Crafton for Julie Chibbaro (not present)

Information Item:

- A) Update on Institutional Studies and Planning. Crafton noted that version #9 is now posted online; this will be brought back to the Faculty Senate in January for a vote.

Committee IX: Graduate Studies: Chair: Dan Williams for Charles Clark (not present)

Action Items:

- A) College of Arts and Sciences:
 - 1) Dept. of History – Addition of two courses. Motion made: Approved.
 - 2) Dept. of Sociology and Criminology – In response to the new graduate program in Criminology/Sociology, deletion of five courses and the addition of twenty-eight courses. Assurances were made in terms of no budgetary implication. Motion made: Approved.

- B) College of Education:
 - 1) Counseling and Supervision – addition of an Ed.D. program was addressed by Brent Snow, along with budgetary and strategic cost considerations. The department anticipates six doctoral students per year needing two senior faculty positions. Discussion ensued on the benefits of this program on our “robust tier” level within the USG system (to get to the Carnegie classification, we must have three doctoral programs.) and as part of maintaining our (research) position. Motion made: Approved.

Old Business (none)

Announcements

- 1) Randy Hendricks announced that the Ad Hoc Rules Committee meets Monday, December 10, 2007.

- 2) Dr. Hynes thanked the Faculty Senate on the important discussions held over the course of the semester and noted how these highlighted shared governance here at UWG.

Adjournment: Motion was made and seconded by the departure of the members of the Faculty Senate at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Reigner, Executive Secretary