

GENERAL FACULTY MEETING

Spring Semester, 2010

April 29, 2010

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1. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. with a welcome and opening remarks by Dr. Beheruz Sethna. He noted that we had endured the worst fiscal year since the Great Depression, and that, while the next year's budget will be painful, it will not be as severe as earlier proposals had indicated.
2. The minutes of the previous (March 12, 2010) meeting were approved by voice vote with no changes.
3. Dr. Sethna presented and thanked those faculty who are retiring. They included: Cita Cook, George Keller, Bill Lankford, Harrison McCraw, and Alexa North.
4. Faculty and Staff Service Awards were presented by Dr. Michael Ruffner, Vice President for University Advancement, for all faculty and staff who had attained the following years of service at West Georgia: 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40.
5. Dr. Jon Anderson presented an update on the forthcoming SACS re-accreditation self-study. West Georgia is scheduled to be re-accredited in 2014, with all paperwork due Fall 2013. Further information is available at these links: www.westga.edu/qep and www.westga.edu/sacs. Also ideas can be sent to: qep@westga.edu or by phoning Dr. Anderson at x94826.
6. A presentation on the graduation rate was made by Dr. Sethna, who noted that this was an important initiative by the BOR. He indicated that first year success is critical, and that first year support programs would be emphasized. His power point presentation can be found at this link: http://www.westga.edu/pres/index_1639.php
7. Dr. Sandra Stone, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented a summary of the VPAA's major projects for the year. These included: the completion of the SACS 5-year report, and progress on the Academic Master Plan and the Facilities Master Plan. She also listed major challenges and strategic thinking about them as a way to conceptualize future directions for UWG.
8. Dr. Chris Aanstoos announced that the faculty officers (Executive-Secretary and Parliamentarian) both had one year more on their terms of office, and that there is an election for the post-tenure review appeals committee, with ballots available in the lobby.
9. Closing remarks were presented by Dr. Sethna.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.