

# Spring General Faculty Meeting Minutes

**April 28, 2023**

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Campus Center Ballroom

Livestream was available on Laura Wolfe's YouTube Channel

- I. Call to Order and Welcome - Dr. Jon Preston
  - A. After a technological delay, Dr. Preston called the meeting to order at 2:28pm. He welcomed all faculty to the meeting and thanked everyone for a productive academic year.
  - B. Approval of the Fall 2022 General Faculty Meeting Minutes
    1. Item was motioned, seconded, and approved unanimously.
- II. Faculty Senate Business Session - Dr. Daniel Williams, Former Faculty Senate Chair
  - A. Modifications to the UWG Policies and Procedures Manual
    1. By-Laws of the Faculties and Faculty Senate
      - a) Article III.A. Meetings
      - b) Item was motioned, seconded, and approved unanimously.
  - B. Reminder Regarding the Modification of Promotion, Tenure, and Review in the Faculty Handbook
    1. Modifications to these procedures in the Faculty Handbook were passed by the Faculty Senate and do not need General Faculty approval. A full history of revisions and approval can be found in the Faculty Senate minutes from 2021–2023.

A Qualtrics survey was emailed to all faculty following the General Faculty meeting regarding items B and C, below. All nominations were approved unanimously. Additionally, write-in suggestions for the Faculty Senate Chair-Elect were solicited: individuals suggested have been contacted by current Senate Chair Dr. Jeffrey Reber, and will continue as needed.
  - C. Parliamentarian Nomination
    1. Dr. Martin McPhail was nominated as Parliamentarian by the Faculty Senate. His nomination was approved by the General Faculty via Qualtrics.
  - D. Post Tenure Reviews Appeals Committee Nominations
    1. The following individuals were nominated to the Post-Tenure Reviews

and Appeals Committee and were approved by the General Faculty via Qualtrics.

- a) CACSI: Dr. Yvonne Fuentes (EFLPA)
- b) COE: Dr. Lama Farran (CHS)
- c) Library: Ms. Shelley Rogers
- d) SCFM: Dr. Deon Kay
- e) RCOB: Dr. Joan Deng (Management)
- f) Nursing: Dr. Kelly Dyar
- g) University College: Dr. Gavin Lee (DCEPS)

### III. Teaching and Excellence Awards

#### A. Regent's Award Nominees

##### 1. Teaching Excellence

- a) Dr. Kathleen Morales, Student Success Coordinator & Associate Professor in the Department of Nursing.
- b) Dr. Clifford Davis, Assistant Professor in the Department of Leadership, Research, and School Improvement.

##### 2. Hall of Fame

- a) Dr. Aimee Genell, Assistant Professor in the Department of Art, History, and Philosophy.

##### 3. 2023 Momentum Year Award for Excellence in Teaching and Curricular Innovation

- a) Awarded to the Department of International Languages and Cultures.

#### B. Governor's Teaching Fellows Program Nominations by Dr. Kelly

- 1. Marion Cannon, Computer Science
- 2. Laura McCloskey Wolfe, Art

### IV. Quality Matters Certifications

#### A. Course Review Certifications

- 1. Perry Kirk, Art, received certification for his ART 1201 course.

### V. Honoring UWG Faculty Colleagues Promoted and/or Tenured

#### A. College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry

##### 1. Promoted to Professor:

- a) Dr. Lynn Anderson
- b) Dr. Elizabeth Dahms
- c) Dr. Xiaofeng Gu
- d) Dr. Rosemary Kellison

- e) Dr. Kyunghee Moon
- 2. Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor
  - a) Dr. Cody Mason
- 3. Tenured
  - a) Dr. Nisha Gupta
  - b) Dr. James Head
- 4. Promoted to Associate Professor
  - a) Dr. Aimee Genell
- 5. Promoted to Senior Lecturer:
  - a) Ms. Margaret Keri Adams
  - b) Dr. Elizabeth Falconi
  - c) Ms. Emily Hunt
  - d) Mr. Perry Kirk
- B. College of Education
  - 1. Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor
    - a) Dr. Logan Arrington
    - b) Dr. Stacey Britton
    - c) Dr. Rebecca Gault
    - d) Dr. Robert Griffin
    - e) Dr. Sungwoong Lee
  - 2. Promoted to Associate Professor
    - a) Dr. Thomas Peterson
- C. Richards College of Business
  - 1. Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor
    - a) Dr. Gelareh Towhidi
  - 2. Tenured
    - a) Dr. Douglas McWilliams
- D. School of Communication, Film, and Media
  - 1. Promoted to Clinical Associate Professor
    - a) Ms. LeQuinta Bryant
    - b) Ms. Kelly Williams
- E. University College
  - 1. Promoted to Professor
    - a) Dr. Thomas Hunter
  - 2. Promoted to Associate Professor
    - a) Dr. Sarah Williamson

3. Promoted to Senior Lecturer

a) Mr. Josh Sewell

VI. Closing Remarks – Dr. Jon Preston

- A. Dr. Preston congratulated all faculty who were promoted in the past year and thanked faculty for coming together to celebrate the achievements of these individuals. He also encouraged faculty and staff to celebrate the upcoming graduations of UWG students.
- B. Looking to the future, Dr. Preston noted that upcoming new programs such as continued Nexus initiatives have the potential to add 1,400 new students annually.
- C. From an enrollment perspective, undergraduate growth in the past year declined, but graduate enrollment grew: UWG has seen an average yearly growth of 30% in graduate enrollment. New initiatives such as Nexus programs and increased recruitment efforts have the potential to increase undergraduate interest and enrollment. There is a forecasted overall growth of 8.6 credit hours from last summer to this summer overall: this is the first time since COVID that this has occurred.

VII. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Preston at 3:10pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura McCloskey Wolfe, Executive Secretary of the General Faculty and Faculty Senate, and Art Faculty Member.