

**University of West Georgia  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes**

**October 18, 2013  
Approved November 15, 2013**

1. Call to order: the meeting convened in room 1-303 of the Technology-enhanced Learning Center and was called to order by Jeff Johnson, Chair at 3:01 p.m.

2. Roll call

*Present*

Basu-Dutt, Blair, Butler, DeFoor, DeSilva, Faucette, Gant, Geisler, Griffith, Halonen-Rollins, Haynes, Insenga, Boldt (substitute for Kassis), Keim, Kramer, Lloyd, Mayer, Moffeit, Noori, Packard, Penceo, Ponder, Popov, Bar (substitute for Robinson), Rutledge, Sanders, Schroer, Skott-Myhre, Stanfield, Steere, Thompson, Vasconcellos, Velez-Castrillon, Welch, Willox, Woodward

*Absent*

Banford, Erben, Farmer, Hooper, Johnson, Kilpatrick, Parrish, Riker, Samples, Tekippe, Van Valen, Xu, Yeong

3. Minutes: a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of September 20.

*Item approved unanimously by voice vote.*

4. Committee reports

**Committee I: Undergraduate Programs Committee (James Mayer, Chair)**

**Action Items:**

Course Proposals:

A) Richards College of Business

1) Accounting and Finance

a) ACCT-4233 Strategic Cost Management

Request: Modify

Action: Approved

*It was noted that when only modifying the description of a course, Senate approval is not required; hence, no vote was taken.*

b) ACCT-4265 Sustainability Accounting and Reporting

Request: Add  
Action: Approved

*Item approved unanimously by voice vote.*

**Committee II: Graduate Programs Committee (Elizabeth Kramer, Chair)**

**Action Items:**

- A) Richards College of Business  
1) Accounting and Finance  
a) ACCT-5233 Strategic Cost Management  
Request: Add  
Action: Approved

*Item approved unanimously by voice vote.*

- b) ACCT-5265 Sustainability Accounting and Reporting  
Request: Add  
Action: Approved

*Item approved unanimously by voice vote.*

**Information Items:**

- A) Program: European Union Studies Post-Baccalaureate Certificate.  
Request: Terminate  
Rationale: The termination of the European Union Studies Post-Baccalaureate Certificate program was initiated by Mike Hester and Jon Anderson with the approval of Dean N. Jane McCandless based on these three facts:  
1. No active UWG students are enrolled in the program;  
2. We have no evidence of student demand for the program;  
3. There are significant logistical issues associated with UWG's on-going participation in this consortium program.

*In the discussion of this item, it was noted that UWG faculty can still teach these courses, and UWG students can still participate in this program, but the certification will be from USG rather than UWG.*

**Committee VI: Strategic Planning Committee (Rob Sanders, Chair)**

**Information item:** QEP update by Jon Anderson

Dr. Anderson explained that the Quality Enhancement Plan, under the umbrella of the Strategic Planning Committee, is now working on version 5 in the final development of this initiative. A QEP Implementation Committee, meeting in November, will bring it to a final approval, reporting to the Senate and the Provost's office. It is anticipated that it will be implemented after the SACS visit in April. A QEP Director position will be advertised to lead the implementation.

5. New business: report from the September 14, 2013 USG Faculty Council meeting, provided

by Jeff Johnson.

Dr. Johnson noted that the USG Faculty Council was formed about four or five years ago. Houston Davis, the Executive Vice Chancellor for the USG, wants this group's input. They met on September 14 at Bainbridge State University. Dr. Johnson highlighted four facets of the report:

- a) the online environment: there are issues about how to incorporate MOOCs. A task force is being put together to work on this, and will meet November 6. At a PAC (President's Advisory Committee) meeting, it was decided that Kim Huett, David Jenks, and Brad Prince will be UWG representatives and bring items back to us for discussion.
- b) consolidated institutions: the most significant issue was that faculty were told promotion and tenure standards would allow them to stay where they were, but that wasn't always the case. Faculty cannot not be punished in the wake of consolidations.
- c) system vs. institutional goals: there is a concern that smaller institutions are moving away from the system's perception of their goals. They need to go through a formal process to move up a tier.
- d) salary compression: it is a major goal at the system level to get legislative approval.

#### 6. Announcements:

- a) The Provost Search Committee will get an advertisement out in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* on Monday, and an expanded ad will be on the university website next week.
- b) Dr. Kramer stated that the Graduate Programs Committee is doing research on the issue of submitting theses and dissertations electronically. Please get in touch with them if you have information that might be useful.

7. The meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Rogers,  
Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate and General Faculty