

# University of West Georgia Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2011  
Approved February 25, 2011

1. Call to Order

The meeting was convened in room 1-303 of the Technology-enhanced Learning Center and called to order by Chair Chris Huff.

2. Present:

Aanstoos, Baumstark, Baylen, Bucholz, Carter, Chowns, Cook, Cox, de Nie, DeFoor, Deng, Goodson (Substitute for Barnhart), Gordon, Hasbun, Hatfield, Hodges, Hooper, Jenks, Kang, Lane, Mbaye, Morris, Ogletree, Ringlaben, Rollins, Rutledge, Smith, Stefano (Substitute for Anderson), Williard

Absent:

Ashford, Austin, Burton, Crean, Donohoe, Jackson, Khan, Payne, Penceo, Thomas

3. Approval of the minutes of the December 3, 2010 meeting

*The minutes were approved by voice vote with no additions or corrections.*

4. Committee Reports

**Committee I: Undergraduate Academic Programs (Chair, Tami Ogletree)**

**Action Items:**

A) College of Arts and Humanities

1) Department of Art

a) Program – Art (Establishment of an Art Pre-Major Listing)

Request: Modify

Action: Approved

b) Program – BA in Art (Option Pre-Medical Illustration)

Request: Modify

Action: Approved

B) College of Sciences and Mathematics

1) Department of Geosciences

a) Program: BS in Geology

Request: Modify

Action: Approved

b) Program: BA degree with a major in Geography

Request: Modify

Action: Approved

- C) College of Social Sciences
  - 1) Department of Sociology and Criminology
    - a) BS Degree in Criminology  
Request: Modify  
Action: Approved
    - b) Course: CRIM 2000 Survey of Criminology  
Request: Add  
Action: Approved
    - c) Course: CRIM 4200 Violent Crime  
Request: Add  
Action: Approved
  - 2) Department of Psychology
    - a) Program: BA Degree in Psychology  
Request: Modify  
Action: Approved
    - b) Course: PSYC 2010 Psychology as a Human Science  
Request: Add  
Action: Approved
    - c) Course: PSYC 4000 Humanistic Psychology  
Request: Add  
Action: Approved
    - d) PSYC 4010 Theories of Psychology  
Request: Add  
Action: Approved
    - e) PSYC 4360 Community Psychology  
Request: Add  
Action: Approved
- D) General Education Committee :
  - a) Add MATH 2008 to Core Area D2.  
Action: Approved

*All action items submitted by the committee were approved.*

**Information Items:**

- A) College of Arts and Humanities
  - 1) Department of Foreign and Literatures
    - a) Course: SPAN 3030 Introduction to Hispanic Literature  
Request: Modify  
Action Approved

- b) Course: SPAN 3101 Spanish Conversation  
Request: Modify  
Action Approved
  - c) Course: SPAN 3102 Spanish Composition  
Request: Modify  
Action Approved
  - d) Course: SPAN 4003 Latin-America Novel  
Request: Modify  
Action Approved
- B) College of Social Sciences
- 1) Department of Psychology
    - a) Course: PSYC 3900 Personality Theories  
Request: Modify  
Action: Approved
    - b) Course: PSYC 4130 Eastern and Transpersonal Psychology  
Request: Modify  
Action: Approved
    - c) Course: PSYC 4350 Culture and Psychology  
Request: Modify  
Action: Approved

**Committee VII: Institutional Studies and Planning (Jon Anderson for Eilis Crean, Chair)**

**Information Items:**

Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) update provided including current projects and procedures being activated to insure reporting engagement with standards and assessment. Senate Committees will be asked to participate in the development of the SACS compliance certificates.

**Committee XII: Budget Committee (Chair, Charles Hodges)**

**Information Items:**

Committee activities to date were reviewed. The Senate was informally queried as to whether departments have been involved in the process of addressing upcoming budget concerns and the response was affirmative.

Pres. Sethna reported the potential for more cuts in addition to the ones currently under discussion in the departments.

**Committee XIII: Rules Committee (Chair, Chris Aanstoos)**

**Action items:**

- A) A Proposal to Specify the Meaning of “Consultation” in the Faculty’s Shared Governance Role - MOTION: To clarify and improve the consultative role of the faculty in the shared governance of the university, it is recommended that the *Policies and Procedures* be revised to the following (highlighted material = additions):

Article I, Section 1,F:

The President, in consultation with **the Faculty Senate and other** representatives of the University community, shall determine the divisional organizational structure necessary for the orderly, effective, and efficient administration of the University’s affairs...

Article II, Section 1,D:

The President, in consultation with **the Faculty Senate and other** representatives of the University community, shall determine the divisional organizational structure necessary for the orderly, effective, and efficient administration of the University’s affairs...

Article III, Section 1,F:

The President, in consultation with **the Faculty Senate and other** representatives of the University community, shall determine the divisional organizational structure necessary for the orderly, effective, and efficient administration of the University’s affairs...

Article III, Section 2,D:

The President, in consultation with **the Faculty Senate and other** representatives of the University community, shall determine the divisional organizational structure necessary for the orderly, effective, and efficient administration of the University’s affairs.

*Motion approved by voice vote.*

- B) A Proposal to Provide Support for the Chair of Senate - MOTION: To amend the *Policies and Procedures*, Article IV, Section 2,B. The addition to read as follows:

4. Support

To support the effective carrying out of his or her duties, in due recognition of the time commitment of such service, the Chair of the Faculty Senate shall receive reassigned time of one-course per semester or the equivalent. In consultation with the individual’s supervisors up through the level of the Provost, there may be an alternative of an equivalent stipend. In the case of reassigned time, the Chair’s home department shall be compensated by an amount sufficient to hire a part-time instructor to fill the gap left by the course release.

*Motion approved by voice vote.*

- C) A Proposal to Include the Chair of the Senate on the President’s Advisory Committee - MOTION: To accept the proposal of the President to include the Chair of the Senate among those who shall be invited to participate in meetings of the President’s Advisory Committee.

*Motion approved by voice vote.*

D) A Proposal to Further Define the Role of the Executive Committee - MOTION: To replace Article IV, Section 2,E of the *Policies and Procedures*.

The following editorial changes were suggested: 1) Delete “appointing an *ad hoc* elections committee” (Aanstoos); 2) change from oversee to overseeing (Mbaye )

*No objections to editorial changes were voiced.*

The current Article IV, Section 2,E of the *Policies and Procedures* to be replaced with:

- E. The Executive Committee. The Faculty Senate shall include an Executive Committee with the following functions and composition.
1. Functions. The Executive Committee shall have broad responsibility for:
    - a. planning and facilitating the activities of the Senate, including the following functions: assign senators to Senate standing committees and subcommittees; create *ad hoc* Senate committees and assign senators; assign senators to such non-senate university committees, task forces and search committees as may be needed; propose any legislation to the Senate the Executive Committee may deem appropriate.
    - b. overseeing the election of the officers of the Senate, including receiving nominations, organizing and supervising elections, monitoring compliance, adjudicating challenges, and certifying the results.
    - c. interviewing candidates for university-wide positions and provide evaluations to the appropriate search committees.
  2. Composition. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the chairs of the Senate standing committees, the Chair of the Senate, the Past Chair of the Senate, the Executive Secretary of the Senate, the President of the University, and the Provost of the University.

*Motion was approved by voice vote.*

E) A Proposal to Revise the Allocation of Senators – MOTION: To replace Article IV, Section 2,A,5 of the *Policies and Procedures*.

After discussion it was recommended that only the methodology for arriving at the numbers of senators, rather than the numbers themselves, should be included in the polices. As a result, it was moved that the preamble be approved:

Each college, the School of Nursing and the Library shall be allocated the number of senators equal to 10% of their full-time faculty. The Library and the School of Nursing shall elect their senators at large. For the colleges, each department within a college first elects one senator, and then the remaining senators allocated to that college are elected at-large by the college.

*Motion approved by voice vote.*

**Information Items:**

- A) Committee Structure of the Senate
- B) Definition of A Quorum
- C) Process of Amending the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures

5. Announcements

Faculty members are encouraged to attend interview activities for Provost Candidates (Huff). The location of the forms for requesting open records will be revised within the next few weeks. There are no changes to the policy for access to open records (Sethna).

6. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Dawn Harmon McCord