

*University of West Georgia  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
February 2, 2007  
Approved March 16, 2007*

***Date:*** March 12, 2007

***Call to Order:*** The meeting was convened in room 1-303 of the Technology-Enhanced Learning Center. Acting President (Dr.) Tim Hynes called the meeting to order at: 3:02 p.m.

***Roll Call :*** Abbott; Alberg; Bohannon (for McKinnon); Bray; Chibbaro; Dwight; Fulkerson; Gainey; Harkins; Hendricks, C; Hendricks, R; Holland; Kirk; Lloyd; Morris; Mowling; Murphy; Prince; Ray; Reber; Snipes; Walter (for Mayer); Ware (for Wilson); Webb; Wilson; Yoder (for Moffeit).

***Not in Attendance:*** Espinosa, Penceo, Ray, Rutherford.

***Minutes:*** A motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2006, meeting of the Faculty Senate was made by C. Hendricks and seconded by Bray. Approved.

***Action Items:***

***Committee I: Undergraduate Academic Program: Chair: Jeffrey Reber***

***Action Items:***

A) College of Arts and Sciences:

- 1) Dept. of Mathematics – change in program requirements, course deletion and modifications. Approved.
- 2) Dept. of Sociology and Criminology - course description modifications (hours required). Approved.
3. Dept. of Geosciences – course additions and deletion (“house cleaning”). Approved.

B) College of Education:

- 1) Dept. of Physical Education and Recreation – course additions (activity courses). Approved.

***Information Items:*** Modification of prerequisites, titles, and the descriptions of courses in the Department of Mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences; modification of courses and/or descriptions of courses in the Department of Geosciences, College of Arts and Sciences, were presented to the Faculty Senate.

***Committee IX: Graduate Studies: Chair: Judy Butler (for Charles Clark)***

***Action Items:***

- A) Revisions to the Graduate Catalog regarding Admissions, Academic Standards, and Appeals. Butler stated that these changes “cleaned up” some of the language in terms

of rewording some sentences and removing redundancies. C. Hendricks asked if a denial of admissions was not through COGS? Butler's answer was, "True; it stays in the department." Motion made and seconded to approve changes. Approved.

B) College of Arts and Sciences:

- 1) Dept. of Geosciences – addition of six courses. Approved.
- 2) Dept. of Psychology – addition of ten courses cover the addition for the new doctoral program (8000-level for first-year courses, 9000-level for thereafter). Motion made and seconded to approve these changes. Approved.
- 3) Dept. of Sociology and Criminology – addition of a degree program at the Master's level to serve the west Georgia area (closest such program is currently at GSU). This will be a two-track program of study – theoretical and practitioner. Motion made and seconded to approve this program addition. Approved.

***Information Items:***

A) College of Arts and Sciences:

- 1) Dept. of Mathematics – course modification.
- 2) Dept. of Psychology – changes their graduate program involving the modification of 17 courses.

B) COGS minutes are on-line and available for review.

***Presentation:***

Permission was sought by Dr. Sethna to address the Faculty Senate as regards the governance of this body. Dr. Sethna quoted from an excerpt from the Board of Regents manuals which states, "the president or president's designee **may** chair such body." He then spoke to two aspects of this issue:

1. the symbolism of a faculty member as this designee. Dr. Sethna reminded the Faculty Senate that over the past twelve and one-half years, every single item passes by the UWG Faculty Senate has been acted upon and approved by the university's President. He reiterated that 100% of everything passes by the Faculty Senate was acted upon and passed by the President.
2. the belief that the Faculty Senate function on its own and send items on to the President's office. He further stated, "I believe in a collaborative mode" and that conversation in the creative stage gets us farther through difficult issues.

Discussion then ensued between the President and the Faculty Senate as to beginning an extended discussion which might lead to a larger role for the Faculty Senate in terms of its own governance.

***Presentation:***

Dr. Denise Overfield representing the Committee of Alternative Dispute Resolution made a PowerPoint presentation to the Faculty Senate as to the findings of the campus-wide Campus Culture and Climate Survey. Audience participation was encouraged at the end.

***Adjournment:*** Motion was made seconded by the departure of the members of the Faculty Senate at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Reigner, Executive Secretary.