

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

**March 8, 2013
Approved April 19, 2013**

1. Meeting convened in room 1-303 of the Technology-enhanced Learning Center and called to order by Jeff Johnson, Chair
2. Roll Call

Present

Slattery (substitute for Basu-Dutt), Blair, DeFoor, Deng, DeNie, DeSilva, Gant, Geisler, Gezon, Halonen-Rollins, Hasbun, Snipes (substitute for Haynes), Jenks, Kassis, Keim, Kilpatrick, Kramer, Leach, Mayer, Moffeit, Noori, Packard, Parrish, Penco, Pitzulo, Ponder, Popov, Riker, Ringlaben, Robinson, Rutledge, Sanders, Schroer, Skott-Myhre, Smith, Van Valen, Vasconcellos, Welch, Willox

Absent

Banford, Erben, Farmer, Hooper, Lloyd, Morris, Samples, Thompson, Yeong

3. Minutes of the February 15th meeting were approved as read.
4. Committee Reports

Committee I: Undergraduate Programs (Chair, Jim Mayer)

Action Items:

A) College of Science and Mathematics

1) Chemistry Department

D. Haley (Registrar) cautioned that the following BA program would eventually need to be closed to returning students. A timeframe during which returning students would be allowed back into the BA needs to be specified in the request.

a) Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Chemistry

Request: Deactivate

Action: Approved

b) Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Chemistry, Chemistry Education Track

Request: Deactivate

Action: Approved

- c) Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Chemistry, Pre-Professional Track
Request: Deactivate
Action: Approved
- d) Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Chemistry, General Track
Request: Deactivate
Action: Approved
- e) Bachelor of Science with a Major in Chemistry, Chemistry Education Track
Request: Add
Action: Approved
- f) Bachelor of Science with a Major in Chemistry, General Track
Request: Add
Action: Approved
- g) Bachelor of Science with a Major in Chemistry, Business Track
Request: Add
Action: Approved
- h) Bachelor of Science with a Major in Chemistry, Pre-MBA Track
Request: Add
Action: Approved
- i) Bachelor of Science with a Major in Chemistry, Pre-Professional Track
Request: Add
Action: Approved

Items A.1.a-i were presented in a block

Items A.1.a-i approved unanimously by voice vote

- 2) Department of Biology
 - a) BIOL 4728
Request: Add
Action: Approved

Item A.2.a was approved unanimously by voice vote

- 3) Department of Geosciences
 - a) Core Curriculum
Request: add GEOG 2553 to Core Area D 2 under Options I and II
Action: Approved

Item A.3.a was moved from the designation of information item to an action item with no objections by the Senate

Item A.3.a was approved unanimously by voice vote

It was noted that this would not go into practice until approved by the Board of Regents.

B) College of Social Sciences

- 4) Department of Anthropology
 - a) Bachelor of Science with a Major in Anthropology
Request: Terminate pre-major designation
Action: Approved

Note: Students designated as Anthropology pre-majors will be switched to Anthropology Major status

Item B.4.a was approved unanimously by voice vote

Information Items:

XIDS Core Review Committee

A) Course proposal:

- a) XIDS-2002 WDYKA Business
Action: approved by interim XIDS Core subcommittee

B) General proposal:

1. Approve modifications and clarifications of XIDS Core Course Approval process Action: **Approved** with editorial amendment. XIDS Committee makeup changed to include Library member. Number of committee members changed to reflect addition.

XIDS course approval process was streamlined and clarified. Details are included in attachment but highlights include:

1. Notification of department chair
2. Streamlined approval process now part of Catalogue Submission System (CSS)
3. Re-approval not needed if course taught by same faculty member in subsequent terms
4. Assessment is responsibility of instructor
5. XIDS Core Course Review Subcommittee of UPC to include representatives from each college plus Director of Interdisciplinary Studies.

Jon Anderson said that this should be a standing committee

Committee II: Graduate Programs (Chair, Mark S. Parrish)

Action Items:

A) College of Social Sciences

1) Department of Anthropology

a) ANTH 5130 Medical Anthropology

Request: Add

Action: Approved

Item A.1.a was approved unanimously by voice vote

b) ANTH 7885 Special Topics

Request: Add

Action: Approved

Item A.1.b was approved unanimously by voice vote

2) Department of Political Science

a) POLS-5405 Politics in the European Union

Request: Add

Action: Approved

b) POLS-5406 British Politics

Request: Add

Action: Approved

c) POLS-5407 European Environmental Policy

Request: Add

Action: Approved

d) POLS-5408 EU Science & Technology Policy

Request: Add

Action: Approved

e) POLS-5411 Federalism and Multilevel Governance in the EU

Request: Add

Action: Approved

f) POLS-5412 Democracy and the EU

Request: Add

Action: Approved

g) POLS-5413 Social Policy in Europe

Request: Add

Action: Approved

- h) POLS-5414 History of European Integration
Request: Add
Action: Approved
- i) POLS-5507 US-EU Relations
Request: Add
Action: Approved
- j) POLS-5508 European Economic and Monetary Union
Request: Add
Action: Approved
- k) POLS-5509 EU Law & Legal Systems
Request: Add
Action: Approved
- l) POLS-5510 Foreign Policy & the EU
Request: Add
Action: Approved

Items A.2.a-l presented in a block without objection

Discussion: Question was raised as to whether there had been a previous decision to not approve cross listing upper level undergraduate with graduate courses. No one was sure about this but it was noted that the graduate course must not have the same outcomes as the undergraduate course and assessment must be completed for both programs.

It was proposed that this item be approved with certain provisos for cross-listed courses.

- Undergraduate and graduate courses that are cross-listed must have different:
 - Outcomes
 - Assessments
 - Syllabi
- The courses must meet requirements of relevant accrediting bodies

Items A.2.a-l approved with the stated provisos.

- 3) Department of Psychology
 - a) PSYC-7810a Tutorial
Request: Add
Action: Approved
 - b) PSYC-7810b Tutorial
Request: Add

Action: Approved

c) PSYC-7810c Tutorial
Request: Add
Action: Approved

d) PSYC-7810d Tutorial
Request: Add
Action: Approved

e) PSYC-7810e Tutorial
Request: Add
Action: Approved

f) PSYC-7810f Tutorial
Request: Add
Action: Approved

g) PSYC-7810g Tutorial
Request: Add
Action: Approved

Items A.3.a-g considered in a block

Items A.3.a-g approved unanimously by voice vote

B) College of Education

- 1) Department of Clinical and Professional Studies
 - a) Program: Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)
Request: Modify
Action: Approved

Item B.1.a approved unanimously by voice vote

- 2) Department: Leadership and Instruction
 - a) Master of Education with a Major in Secondary Education
Request: Modify
Action: Approved

Item B.2.a approved unanimously by voice vote

C) College of Science and Mathematics

- 1) Department of Geosciences
 - a) Program: Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems
Request: Modify
Action: Approved

Item C.1.a approved unanimously by voice vote

- 2) Department of Biology Department
 - a) BIOL-5728 Bacterial Pathogenesis
Request: Add
Action: Approved

Item C.2.a approved unanimously by voice vote

- D) College of Arts and Humanities
 - 1) Department: English and Philosophy Department
 - a) ENGL-5295 Young Adult Literature
Request: Add
Action: Approved

Item D.1.a approved by voice vote with the provisos listed in A.2.a-l above

- E) Richards College of Business
 - 1) Department: Economics
 - a) ECON-6470 Ethical Foundations of Capitalism
Request: Add
Action: Approved

Item E.1.a approved by unanimous voice vote

- F) School of Nursing
 - a) NURS-9008 Educational Theory and Philosophical Foundations of Education
Request: Add
Action: Approved
 - b) NURS-9009 Curriculum: Theory and Practice,
Request: Add
Action: Approved
 - c) NURS-9010 Nursing Research Seminar,
Request: Add
Action: Approved
 - d) NURS-9011 Ethics in Educational Leadership,
Request: Add
Action: Approved
 - e) NURS-9012 Nursing Education Practicum
Request: Add
Action: Approved

- f) NURS-9013 Nursing Education Leadership for Diversity for the 21st century
Request: Add
Action: Approved
- g) NURS-9014 Directed Readings
Request: Add
Action: Approved
- h) NURS-9015 Dissertation
Request: Add
Action: Approved
- i) NURS-6101 Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Practice,
Request: Add
Action: Approved
- j) NURS-6102 Role of the Caring Healthcare Professional
Request: Add
Action: Approved
- k) NURS-6103 Health Promotion & Advanced Health Assessment
Request: Add
Action: Approved
- l) NURS-6104 Scholarly Inquiry and Data Analysis in Nursing
Request: Add
Action: Approved
- m) NURS-6105 Leadership for Quality, Safety, and Health Policy
Request: Add
Action: Approved
- n) NURS-6106 Pathopharmacology I
Request: Add
Action: Approved
- o) NURS-6114 Introduction to Health Systems Leadership
Request: Add
Action: Approved
- p) NURS-6115 The Business of Healthcare: Financial and Economic Evidence
Request: Add
Action: Approved

Items F.a-p considered in a block without objection

Items F.a-p approved by unanimous voice vote

G) Graduate Policy Revision Proposal

Preamble: Committee addressed the Department of Computer Science request that the Graduate Catalog policy, “Time Limits to Complete a Graduate Degree” be modified to stipulate “The M.S. in Applied Computer Science program must be completed within three years.”

Proposal: Committee recommends revision to the “Time Limits to Complete a Graduate Degree” policy as indicated by highlighted revision [presented in the agenda].

Item unanimously approved by voice vote

Approved version reads as follows:

Degree programs in the College of Education must be completed within seven years.

The Ph.D. in Psychology: Consciousness and Society program must be completed within eight years.

The M.S. in Applied Computer Science program must be completed within three years.

All other graduate degree programs must be completed within six years.

It is expected that a student will complete the degree program with reasonable continuity. A student called into military service or a student with extraordinary circumstances may apply for an extension of time. The student should submit the **Degree Time Limit Extension Form** and a letter of appeal to the director of his/her graduate degree program. The time limit exception must be approved by both the Program Director and Director of Graduate Studies in the college or school.

Committee IV: Academic Policies Committee (Chair, David Leach)
Action Item

A) Motion: The Academic Policies and Procedures committee proposes a change to the class absence policy as listed in the undergraduate handbook.

Chair withdrew the motion so that the committee could edit the wording and clarify the proposed changes.

It was requested that the committee review proposal and clarify the policy on withdrawals based on attendance as well as to how withdrawals impact grades.

Committee VIII: Technology Committee (Chair, Craig Schroer)

Action Item:

Motion: The Technology Committee is proposing that the Faculty Senate vote in support of UWG implementing an institutional repository. An institutional repository can offer UWG the following benefits:

- facilitate the publication of online academic journals of undergraduate, graduate and faculty research
- provide online access to full-text of student dissertations and theses
- establish a stable online address for University reports and promotional materials
- reinforce student perception of the “real world” value of research through promoting community focused research and publication opportunities
- strengthen our bonds to the community at-large
- support goals of student retention, progression, and graduation
- raise our institutional profile by using a platform which is search engine optimized (i.e., our content would show up in search engine results)
- create a persistent location for maintaining institutional memory (i.e., department-sponsored events, conferences, talks, and exhibits including multimedia content such as concerts, lectures, etc.)
- showcase student achievements as documented in such events as Research Days and Big Night thereby creating a permanent online portfolio of their accomplishments at the University of West Georgia
- assist with faculty compliance in adhering to federal guidelines concerning the accessibility of publicly funded research
- establish persistent links to student work, which may be included in a portfolio to improve employment opportunities after graduation

Discussion included budget considerations, USG sponsored delivery platforms for system-wide repository, and the possibility of starting the core of goals with the existing resources. One concern was that the vote of support could possibly impact future funding requests. There were differing views on how this could impact budget resources.

Motion was defeated by a count of hands.

5. New Business

Action Item:

A) Nominations and Election of Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Shelley Smith was nominated from the floor.

A call for nominations will go out to the general faculty prior to spring break.

6. Announcements

- Johnson gave an update on Senate and Committee Elections for FY14. Senators were asked to invite newly elected Senators to the April Senate meeting.
 - Current committee members were asked to elect FY14 Chairs if possible.
 - Committee assignments will be made in May and if anyone has an assignment preference please let Johnson know.
 - Sethna gave an update on the salary study. Proposals for salary adjustments have been shared with faculty and the sources for funding are being identified.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Harmon McCord, Faculty Senate Executive Secretary