

Spring General Faculty Virtual Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2021

Approved August 5, 2021

I. Call Meeting to Order and Welcome, Dr. Jon Preston

Dr. Preston opened the General Faculty meeting at 2:02pm before soliciting approval of the minutes from the Fall 2021 General Faculty Meeting held on August 5, 2020.

Minutes approved with 119 in favor, 0 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

II. General Faculty Business Session - Dr. Dan Williams, Faculty Senate Chair, and Dr. Colleen Vasconcellos, Faculty Senate Executive Secretary

A) Faculty Senate Chair-Elect Election

- 1) Jeffrey Reber was nominated for Chair-Elect of the Faculty Senate

Nomination accepted.

B) Modification to the UWG Policies and Procedures Manual for Article IV, Section 2.A

Item approved with 117 in favor, 0 opposed, and 13 abstentions.

C) UWG General Education Redesign Committee Update – Ms. Angela Pashia and Tim Schroer

At present, the committee is planning a Faculty Institute over the summer, as well as several meetings over the next academic year, in order to get as much faculty engagement as possible. Please keep an eye out for emails inviting participation. [Please visit this website](#) for more information on the committee's charge and membership, committee meeting minutes, and various links to USG Resources. Please contact Ms. Pashia or Dr. Schroer with any questions or feedback.

III. President's Welcome and Address to the Faculty, Dr. Brendan Kelly

President Kelly thanked the faculty for their continued hard work and adaptation over the past academic year, and commended the faculty on their resilience and service in the face of unprecedented circumstances. After highlighting the achievements of the Theatre Program and the UWG Chamber Singers successful livestreamed performances, as well as UWG's students on their fantastic visual arts show currently in progress, he congratulated UWG's Women's Golf team on their second Gulf South Championship since 2017 and UWG Cheer's

All-Girl and Coed teams for bringing home the title at UCA Nationals for the 27th time in 20 years. President Kelly then discussed some of the priorities within the Board of Regents for the upcoming academic year, such as a return to normal operations, continued vaccination efforts among UWG faculty, staff, and students, the search for a new Chancellor, and maximizing the impact and outcomes related to resources. To date, we have vaccinated over 3000 individuals, and he encouraged those who have not yet gotten vaccinated to do so. While President Kelly had no update on the Chancellor's Search, he did provide an update on the plan to seamlessly integrate our agenda related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. To date, he has assembled a cross-divisional team of faculty and staff to make recommendations to President Kelly and other executives on this front, as well as a President's Community Advisory Council which is comprised primarily of alumni and will create a structure of accountability. Finally, President Kelly discussed his upcoming focus on creating connections with communities and industry in our service area to demonstrate our value and positive impact as a public university.

IV. Provost's Welcome and Address to the Faculty, Dr. Jon Preston

Dr. Preston echoed Dr. Kelly's appreciation of our faculty's service to our institution and students over the past year, noting that it is important to pause, reflect, and celebrate all that we have accomplished despite the challenges that we have faced. He praised the Tanner Health System's School of Nursing faculty and students in their tremendous work distributing vaccines to our community, Ingram Library's selection by the American Library Association for the 2021 Innovation and Instruction Award for their creation of The Library Den as an instruction tool during the pandemic, the Richards College of Business's virtual study abroad experience, Dr. Mike Hester's work with the Rwandan Ministry of Education to provide new civics curriculum to secondary education students as well as his important work with the Jamaican Association of Debating and Empowerment, and the College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry's work hosting the West Georgia Regional Science and Engineering Fair virtually for students in Carroll and Douglas counties as well as CACSI's work hosting the first biennial conference for the Society of Early Americanists with over 500 participants from nine different countries attending virtually. He celebrated the work of everyone involved in UWG's Scholars Day on April 6, praising both the exceptional faculty mentorship of our students and

the phenomenal research presented by our undergraduates, and commended the Center for Teaching and Learning's efforts to connect us to USG workshops this summer on how to integrate high impact practices in our online and hybrid classes. He also noted Dr. Jennifer Jordan and Dr. Jill Drake's work analyzing post-graduation outcomes and how we add more co-curricular options for our students throughout their time at UWG, Dr. Camilla Gant's work with Superintendent Trent North to expand our dual-enrollment efforts in Douglas County, and the Newnan Campus's efforts at providing a space for the Newnan Community programs like the Boys and Girls Club after the devastating tornados that came through Newnan a few weeks ago. Finally, Dr. Preston spoke briefly about the upcoming comprehensive analysis of programs planned for the upcoming academic year.

V. Recognition of Faculty and Departments

A) USG Teaching and Excellence Awards

1) Felton Jenkins, Jr. Hall of Fame Faculty Award Nominee

Dr. Bethany Scullin, Assistant Professor, Department of Literacy and Special Education, College of Education

2) The Regents' Teaching Excellence Award for Online Teaching Nominee

Dr. Robert Griffin, Assistant Professor, Department of Literacy and Special Education, College of Education

3) Governor's Teaching Fellows Program

Dr. Andrea Smith, Assistant Professor, Department of Early Childhood through Secondary Education, College of Education

4) Chancellor's Learning Scholars and Their Faculty Learning Community Topics

- Dr. Agnieszka Chwialkowska, Assistant Professor, Department of Marketing and Real Estate, Richards College of Business – "Engaging the Online Learner"
- Ms. Jennifer Heidorn, Lecturer, Department of Sport Management, Wellness, and Physical Education, College of Education – "Social and Emotional Learning"
- Dr. Laura McCloskey Wolfe, Instructor, Department of Art, History, and Philosophy, College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry – "Mindfulness and Reflective Practices in a Diverse Learning Environment"

- Ms. Bridgette Stewart, Senior Lecturer, Department of Sport Management, Wellness, and Physical Education, College of Education – "Social and Emotional Learning"
- Dr. Rachel Seaman-Tullis, Assistant Professor, Department of Literacy and Special Education, College of Education – "Universal Design for Learning: Making Your Teaching Accessible for All"

B) Honoring UWG Faculty Colleagues Promoted and/or Tenured

1) College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry

a) Promoted to Professor:

Dr. Lewis Baumstark, Mathematics, Sciences, and Technology

Dr. Joshua Byrd, English, Film, Languages, and Performing Arts

Dr. Lisa Connell, English, Film, Languages, and Performing Arts

Dr. Yvonne Fuentes, English, Film, Languages, and Performing Arts

Dr. Christopher Jett, Mathematics, Sciences, and Technology

Dr. Melissa Johnson, Mathematics, Sciences, and Technology

Dr. Laura Miller, English, Film, Languages, and Performing Arts

Dr. Mautusi Mitra, Mathematics, Sciences, and Technology

Dr. Sara Molesworth-Kenyon, Mathematics, Sciences, and Technology

Dr. Travis Self, English, Film, Languages, and Performing Arts

Dr. Christine Simmonds-Moore, Anthropology, Psychology, and Sociology

Dr. Kathleen Skott-Myhre, Anthropology, Psychology, and Sociology

Dr. Gary Van Valen, Art, History, and Philosophy

b) Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor:

Dr. Marian Buzon, Mathematics, Sciences, and Technology

Dr. Ryan Currier, Mathematics, Sciences, and Technology

Dr. Corey Maggiano, Anthropology, Psychology, and Sociology

Dr. John Morris, Art, History, and Philosophy

Dr. Nathan Rees, Art, History, and Philosophy

c) Tenured:

Dr. John Garner, Art, History, and Philosophy

Dr. Jason Swift, Art, History, and Philosophy

d) Promoted to Senior Lecturer:

Dr. Isabel Maggiano, Anthropology, Psychology, and Sociology

2) College of Education

a) Promoted to Professor:

Dr. Brian Mosier, Sport Management, Wellness, and Physical Education

Dr. Lara Willox, Educational Technology and Foundations

b) Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor:

Dr. Jennifer Allen, Literacy and Special Education

Dr. Morris Council, Literacy and Special Education

Dr. Jarius Matthews, Counseling, Higher Education, and Speech Language Pathology

3) Ingram Library

a) Promoted to Professor:

Ms. Angela Pashia

Mr. Craig Schroer

4) Richards College of Business

a) Promoted to Professor:

Dr. Kimberly Green, Management

Dr. David Nickell, Marketing and Real Estate

Dr. Susan Webb, Marketing and Real Estate

b) Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor:

Dr. Yun Cheng, Accounting and Finance

c) Promoted to Senior Lecturer:

Dr. Heather Bono, Accounting and Finance

Mr. Kenneth Hilderhoff, Marketing and Real Estate

5) Tanner Health System School of Nursing

a) Promoted to Professor:

Dr. Susan Welch

- b) Tenured and Promoted to Professor:
 - Dr. Laura Caramanica
- c) Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor:
 - Dr. Sally Richter
- 6) University College
 - a) Promoted to Professor:
 - Dr. Vanessa Griffin, Civic Engagement and Public Service
 - Dr. Sooho Lee, Civic Engagement and Public Service
 - Dr. Paul Rutledge, Civic Engagement and Public Service
 - b) Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor:
 - Dr. Abigail Kolb, Civic Engagement and Public Service
 - Dr. Brittani McNeal, Civic Engagement and Public Service
 - Dr. Karen Owen, Civic Engagement and Public Service
 - c) Promoted to Associate Professor:
 - Dr. Patrick Brady, Civic Engagement and Public Service
 - Dr. Dylan McLean, Civic Engagement and Public Service
 - d) Promoted to Senior Lecturer:
 - Mr. James Bellon, General Education
 - Ms. Jade Loicano, General Education

VI. Meeting Adjourned

Dr. Preston adjourned the meeting at 3:06pm, reminding faculty to vote for Senate Chair-Elect and Post-Tenure Review Appeals Committee Members.

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Colleen Vasconcellos

Professor of History and Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate and General Faculty