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The Faculty Senate met on November 8, 2019. All curricula proposals were approved.

The majority of the meeting was spent listening to, and interacting with, Dr. Michael Crafton and Dr. David Jenks about the non-renewal letters received by many around October 31, 2019. While sending out such letters is a yearly event, this year they were received by more than usual and the impact has been greater because of a decline in undergraduate enrollment. Within the last two years, UWG lost a total of 816 undergraduate students (not including transient or students, considered "other"): 43% (351) were new freshmen and 57% (465) were other undergraduate students who were not retained. As a result of this crisis, faculty positions are in jeopardy.

Drs. Crafton and Jenks indicated that conversations about the budget situation will continue with various stakeholders on campus. As the elected body that represents all faculty, the Faculty Senate is a logical place for these conversations. After reading statements and fielding impassioned questions, he announced that there would be a similar meeting on November 11, 2019, at 2:30, in the Campus Center Ballroom. For those able to attend, the subsequent town hall was recorded by Shawn Isaacs. You may listen at this [link](#).

Students presented at the Faculty Senate meeting, organized prepared meaningful statements that showed support for the faculty. Their statements and questions indicate deep affection for their teachers and the communities in which they learn here at our institution. Many expressed a desire to assist with finding solutions.

The next Senate meeting will be December 6, 2019. The agenda deadline for this meeting is Friday, November 29, 2019. Please notice the short turn around, taking into consideration the week of holidays.