



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate
FROM: Dr. Brendan B. Kelly, President
RE: President's Response to Senate Actions
DATE: February 21, 2022

Following is my response to the actions of the Faculty Senate as represented in the minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2022, which were approved electronically on January 27, 2022. All program approvals are made contingent upon the department's commitment to staff the changes out of existing internal funds. Note that Section 3.6.2 of the Board of Regents Policy Manual states, inter alia: "The termination of educational programs, degrees, or majors shall be submitted to the Chancellor for review and recommendation for action by the Board of Regents." So, all program, degree, and major terminations (as well as additions) need to be approved by the Board. Our requests should include the rationale and the plan for addressing the needs of existing students.

Committee Reports:

Committee I: Undergraduate Programs Committee (Karen Graffius, Chair)

Action Items:

- A) College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry
 - 1) Department of Anthropology, Sociology, and Psychology
 - a) Social and Behavioral Health, B.S.
Request: Modify

Item unanimously approved.

I accept this motion.

- 2) Department of Art, History, and Philosophy
 - a) Art, Studio Option, B.A.
Request: Modify

Item unanimously approved.

I accept this motion.

- B) College of Education
 - 1) Department of Early Childhood Through Secondary Education
 - a) ECED 4251–Assessment and Correction Mathematics Education
Request: Modify

Item unanimously approved.

I accept this motion.

- 2) Department of Sport Management, Wellness, and Physical Education
 - a) PHED 2300–Positive Youth Development in Sport
Request: Add
 - b) PHED 3401–Integrating Technology into Health and Physical Education
Request: Modify
 - c) PHED 3671–Physical Education in Elementary Schools
Request: Modify
 - d) PHED 3675–Physical Education in Middle and Secondary Schools
Request: Modify
 - e) PHED 4686–Teaching Internship
Request: Modify

Items a-e were approved as a block with 45 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

I accept this motion.

- f) Physical Education, B.S. Ed
Request: Modify

Item was approved with 45 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

I accept this motion.

- C) University College
 - 1) Center for Interdisciplinary Studies
 - a) XIDS 2300–Frida Kahlo’s World
Request: Add New Topic

Item was approved with 44 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

I accept this motion.

Information Item:

- A) Nancy Capponi will serve as the Chair of the Undergraduate Programs Committee for the 2022-2023 Academic Year.

I thank Dr. Capponi for serving as Chair of the Undergraduate Programs Committee for the 2022-2023 Academic Year.

Committee II: Graduate Programs Committee (Dena Kniess, Chair)

Action Items:

- A) College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry
 - 1) Department of Computing and Mathematics
 - a) CS 6986 - Internship
Request: Add

Item unanimously approved.

I accept this motion.

- b) Applied Computer Science, M.S.
Request: Modify

Item unanimously approved.

I accept this motion.

- B) College of Education
 - 1) Department of Early Childhood through Secondary Education
 - a) Teacher Education, M.A.T., Concentrations in Secondary Education: Biology, Broad Field Science, Business Education, Chemistry, Economics, English, History, Mathematics, Physics, and Political Science
Request: Modify

Item unanimously approved.

I accept this motion.

- 2) Department of Leadership, Research, and School Improvement
 - a) Educational Leadership Tier 1 Certification Program
Request: Add
 - b) Educational Leadership Tier 2 Certification Program
Request: Add

Items a-b were unanimously approved as a block.

I accept this motion.

- c) School Improvement, Ed.D.
Request: Modify

Item unanimously approved.

I accept this motion.

C) Graduate Faculty Policy Status (Figure 1)

Item approved with 41 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

I accept this motion.

D) Graduate Catalog Changes for 2022-23 (Figure 2)

Item approved with 36 in favor, 4 opposed, and 1 abstention.

I accept this motion.

Committee IX: Rules Committee (Angela Branyon, Chair)

Action Item: (Figure 3)

A) *Policies and Procedures Manual*

1) Article III.A. Meetings

Request: Modify

Two friendly amendments were proposed and were approved without opposition by the body. The first added a paragraph break before the sentence regarding Special Meetings, and the second changed the language from "his or her" to "their."

Following these two amendments, the modifications to Article III.A were approved with 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

This item will be brought to the General Faculty for a vote in April 2022 according to Article IV, Section 3 of the UWG Policies and Procedures Manual.

The representative work of the Faculty Senate is vital to shared governance and collaboratively reviewing and recommending improvements to the curricula and other items of importance to the University. This includes work in committees, reviewing and discussing materials before meetings, and working during debate in Faculty Senate meetings. This work is dynamic and requires consistent engagement of the Faculty Senate members, for which faculty are to be commended. Following best practices, including those adopted by many institutions within the University System of Georgia, while proxy attendance may be supported, voting on items brought before the Faculty Senate should be reserved for those elected members of the Faculty Senate. Consequently, I reject this motion.