

**Franklin College Faculty Senate**  
**Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM via Zoom, Benjamin Britton presiding.

**Members Present:** Christine Albright, Toyin Alli, Mark Anderson, Adam Barb, Kelly Black, Benjamin Britton, Clifton Buck, Liming Cai, Joel Caughran, Pilar Chamorro Fernandez, Carmen Comeaux, Maduranga Dassanayake, Vince Du, Rebecca Gose, Le Guan, Dan Hall, DeLoris Hesse, Peter Hoffer, Steve Holland, Christin Huggins, Imi Hwangbo, Joe Kellner, Emily Koh, Kendall Marchman, Rodrigo Martini Paula, Emily Mouilso, Vasant Muralidharan, Richard Neupert, Chris Peterson, Bernd Schuttler, Alexandra Shapiro, Matthew Shipes, Anne Summers, Cynthia Suveg, Andrea Sweigart, Justine Tinkler, Alberto Villate-Isaza, Michael White, Sarah Wright

**Proxies:** Suzanne Birch for Laurie Reitsema, Alexander Fyfe for Frans Weiser

**Members not present:** Amy Ross, Hang Yin

**Guests:** Diane Miller, Peter Jutras

**Approval of the minutes of the May 3, 2022 meeting:** The minutes were approved with no corrections unanimously with no abstentions.

**President Benjamin Britton's Remarks:**

After determining that there was a quorum, President Britton welcomed everyone to the second meeting of the Faculty Senate and thanked the Senators for their service. He requested that all members of the Senate change the titles displayed over Zoom to include "Senator" or another appropriate title after their names.

President Britton reminded everyone of the protocols for meetings of the Senate held via Zoom. Senators should keep their video cameras on, share any links or files in the "chat" box, and keep any discussion about the topic at hand to actual speaking rather than using the "chat" box. Voting will be done with the "raised hand" function, and President Britton will count the votes and make sure there is a quorum for each vote.

President Britton reminded everyone that only Senators could vote on agenda items but that all faculty could participate in the upcoming discussion to amend the by-laws of the Senate. A Qualtrics vote among all faculty will be held a week after the discussion in the Senate.

President Britton reminded the Senate that a President is needed for the 2023-24 academic year and that anyone who is interested in the position is welcome to direct questions to him.

President Britton offered an update on the resolutions on academic freedom and the tobacco surcharge default from the May, 2022 meeting of the Senate. The resolutions have been forwarded to the relevant committees of the University Council, Faculty Affairs, and Human Resources, respectively. Over the last month, he has been in touch with Karen Elliott, Vice Chancellor for Total Rewards of the USG about the tobacco surcharge default. So far, there is no answer about whether Franklin College can make the change. President Britton will follow up on this matter.

President Britton reported that a climate survey on diversity, equity, and inclusion will launch on November 1<sup>st</sup>. One survey will go out to students, and another will go out to Franklin College

employees. President Britton asked that faculty have their students take the survey during class and thanked everyone who volunteered for the endeavor.

President Britton thanked especially the Executive Committee for finding colleagues to participate in the campus climate survey, and he thanked Sherry Gray for her service to the Senate.

### **Dean Dorsey's Remarks:**

Dean Dorsey announced several changes in the Dean's Office. In regards to the search for a new Dean, the plan is to have interviews and on-campus visits during the first two weeks of November. Information about the candidates will be made public two days before their campus visits. Dean Dorsey encouraged everyone to share any opinions they have of the candidates.

Dean Dorsey reported that Dr. Gary E. Douberly, formerly Head of the Department of Chemistry, has assumed a new role as Associate Dean and will be working with Life Science departments as well as working to improve our facilities and on research matters. Michelle Momany has returned to the faculty of Plant Biology. Dean Dorsey thanked Dr. Momany for her service over the past five years to the College.

Dean Dorsey reported that Franklin College has completed a new Diversity and Inclusion Excellence Plan. The plan was crafted by Dr. Jean Martin-Williams, together with Dr. Caroline Medine and Dr. Chad Howe, with extensive input from many stakeholder groups, including a committee of the Faculty Senate, and groups of Department Heads, students, and staff. Dean Dorsey invited everyone who is interested in more information to reach out to Dr. Martin-Williams.

Dean Dorsey reported that the annual Embracing Diversity lecture will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The speaker will be Dr. Philip Hong, Dean of the School of Social Work. The lecture will be held 3:00-4:00 pm in Masters Hall at the Georgia Center. During the event, the recipients of the Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion will be recognized, as well as the recipient of the Dawn D. Bennett-Alexander Inclusive Community Award.

Dean Dorsey announced that Associate Deans Dr. Paula Lemons and Dr. Jamie Kreiner have identified several departments for a pilot program to assess faculty service contributions across the College. The project was inspired by a research project conducted at the University of Maryland. Dean Dorsey asked that faculty who have received a survey take the time to complete it.

Dean Dorsey invited the Senators to ask questions.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Executive Committee:** The Committee reported that they were in the process of reviewing the need for a Parliamentarian in the Faculty Senate. There will be a discussion with the whole Senate followed by a survey. For the November meeting, there will be a resolution for the protection of tenure.

**Academic Standards:** The Committee reported that they had 5 appeals, 3 of which were approved and 2 of which were denied. The committee has been asked to change Franklin College's guidelines for grade appeals so that they are in keeping with the University's guidelines, which will be discussed later in the meeting.

**Curriculum Committee:** The committee reported that they approved 10 new courses through CAPA and 8 course changes. They have approved 2 undergraduate certificates and 2 graduate certificates in music, 1 area of emphasis proposal in Romance Languages, and 1 Franklin College Multicultural proposal for PORT 2550. The committee indicated that a proposal from the committee would be discussed later in the meeting.

**Faculty Affairs:** There was no report, although a member of the committee said that a subcommittee had met recently.

**Planning and Evaluation:** The Committee reported that they had met with Associate Dean Jean Martin-Williams on September 15<sup>th</sup> to provide input on Franklin's Diversity and Inclusion Excellence Plan.

### **New Business:**

#### **Proposed Revision to Franklin College By-Laws Article V: Student Grade Appeals:**

Vasant Muralidharan and Diane Miller shared a proposed revision of the Franklin College guidelines for student grade appeals, revised to arrive at guidelines which are in line with the University guidelines. There was discussion about specific language in the revision, and there was discussion about considerations such as the initial step for a grade appeal, the role of a Department Head, and overall due process. Dr. Muralidharan will examine the guidelines of other Colleges/Schools within the University and report back to the Senate. No motion to amend or table the proposal was offered, and so the item will proceed to an electronic vote of the entire faculty in one week or more.

**Proposal for an Area of Emphasis in Spanish Interdisciplinary Studies:** Mark Anderson explained the reasoning behind the proposal on behalf of Romance Languages and offered to answer questions. The proposal was approved by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

**Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Music Recording (Classical):** Peter Jutras explained the reasoning behind the proposal and offered to answer questions. The proposal was approved by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

**Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Music Recording (Classical):** Peter Jutras explained the reasoning behind the proposal and offered to answer questions. The proposal was approved by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

**Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Violin Suzuki Method Pedagogy:** Peter Jutras explained the reasoning behind the proposal and offered to answer questions. The proposal was approved by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

**Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Violin Suzuki Method Pedagogy:** Peter Jutras explained the reasoning behind the proposal and offered to answer questions. The proposal was approved by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

#### **Proposal to Restructure the Workload and Operations of the Curriculum**

**Committee:** Joel Caughran explained the reasoning behind the proposal and restated that the goal of the proposal is to reduce the workload and increase the effectiveness of the committee. There was discussion, and in the end there a motion to table the issue was made. The Senate voted to table the matter with a vote of 29 in favor of tabling, 8 opposed to tabling, and 2

abstentions.

**Old Business:** None

Meeting was adjourned at 4:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
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