

**Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Franklin college of Arts & Sciences
20 January 2005**

1. Call to Order

Presiding Officer Douglas Crowe [Geology] called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM in Room 101 of the Student Learning Center.

2. Identification of Proxies and Visitors:

Proxies: William Finlay [Sociology] for Jim Coverdill, Roger Stahl [Speech Communications] for Chritine Harold, Ron Bogue [Comparative Literature] for Katazyna Jerzak, Ed Halper [Philosophy] for Richard Winfield, Mitos Andaya [Music] for John Culvahouse, Andrew Grundstein [Geography] for Amy Ross

Absences: Sarah Blackwell [Romance Languages], Gert-Jan Boons [Chemistry], Liming Cai [Computer Science], Charles Davis [Drama and Theater], Marly Eidsness, Rebecca Enghauser [Dance], Laura Mason [History], Barry Palevitz [Plant Biology], Randal Walker [Marine Sciences], Richard Winfield [Philosophy].

Visitors: Matt Barnwell [Red and Black], Brian McDearmon [Red and Black], Jim Wright [Geology]

Total: 33 Present, 10 Absent, 3 Visitors.

3. The minutes from 11 November 2004 were approved.

4. Comments by the Presiding Officer, Douglas Crowe:

5. Comments from Dean Stokes:

The administration received 5-year plans for Franklin college divisions and departments. Dr. Stokes is waiting for feedback on these plans from the Provost. A meeting will be held with the administration that will tie upcoming budgets to the 5-year plan. Regarding the budget, Dr. Stokes indicated that it looks likely that we will receive full formula funding. In addition, the possibility of a tuition increase will improve the budget situation. Finally, Dr. Stokes is waiting for feedback on P&T criteria from the Provost.

6. Committee Reports

a. Steering:

b. Committee on Committees:

c. Academic Standards [Adam Parkes, English]: The committee met on 6 January 2005 to review 11 petitions. Seven were approved, two denied, and two teables pending further documentation.

- d. Admissions [Steve Valdez, Music]: Received 7 student petitions for re-admission after academic suspension. Five were approved and two were denied. There have been no petitions since August.
- e. Curriculum:
- f. Planning [Michelle Ballif, English]: The committee completed a report on the 5-year plan for the Franklin college as requested by Associate Dean Ruppensburg.
- g. Professional Concerns:

7. Old Business:

- a. By-laws changes related to Article V, student grade appeals [Adam Parkes, English]. The Senate discussed a document prepared by the Academic Standards Committee that sought to address issues related to student grade appeals.

A motion by Adam Parkes [English] was made to add an item to Article 3, Section 3, Number 4 that states: “The Academics Standards Committee can hear and rule on grade appeals by students and faculty”. Motion Approved: 25 Yes, 2 No, 1 Abstention.

A motion by Charles Atwood [Chemistry] was made to table the above motion until the next meeting. Motion Failed: 7 Yes, 21 No.

- b. Senate Policies and Procedures. The document is difficult to understand and poorly organized. The discussion centered on how to re-organize and structure it. Associate Dean Ruppensburg indicated that he would work to re-organize the document.

8. New Business:

- a. Discussion regarding vacant positions going to central administration instead of staying within their departments or units [Elham Izadi, Math]. Dean Stokes responded that former Provost Holbrook wanted some control over the allocation of resources and required departments and colleges to fill out forms requesting the return of retirement positions. Provost Mace still wants Deans to ask for retirement positions to be returned but has never denied a request. Other loses such as a faculty member not receiving tenure or moving to another institution remain within the college level. No department has lost a retirement position due to the administration. Many lines that were returned by the administration were cut by at the college level to satisfy budget requirements.
- b. Discussion of quotes on the number of A’s and B’s awarded in courses to reduce grade inflation [Elham Izadi, Math] was tabled until the next meeting.

9. Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 17 February at 3:30 in room 101 of the Student Learning Center. Agenda items for the next meeting are due by 3 January 2005.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted by Andrew Grundstein [Geography]