

**Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Franklin College of Arts & Sciences  
February 17, 2005**

1. Call to Order

Presiding Officer President ProTem Randy Hammond [Psychology] called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM in Room 101 of the Student Learning Center.

2. Identification of Proxies and Visitors:

Proxies: Mito Anaya [Music] for John Culvahouse; Charles Atwood (Chem) for Joel Caughran, Geert Jan Boon (Chem) for James de Haset; Jim Coverdall (Sociology) for Tom McNulty; Roger Stahl (Speech and Communications) for Christine Harold, K.K. Mon (Physics and Astronomy) for G. Stroebel. Amy Ross [Geography] for Andrew Grundstein, Antje Ascheid (Theatre and Film Studies), Lisa Fusillo (Dance).

Absences: Butch Atwood, Sarah Blackwell [Romance Languages], Peter Brosius (Anthropology) Haini Chai, Charlis Davis, Marly Eidsness, Liming Cai [Computer Science], Charles Davis [Drama and Theater], Marly Eidsness, Rebecca Enghauser [Dance], Laura Mason [History], Joseph Mendocio, Barry Palevitz, Mitch Rothstein, Randal Walker [Marine Sciences], Richard Winfield [Philosophy], Sandra Wyld (Geology), Doug Crowe (Geology).

Visitors: None

Total: 25 Present, 18 Absent.

3) Minutes from January 20, 2005 meeting were approved, with the following correction to the report from the Admissions' Committee: "The Admissions Committee received and reviewed 10 student petitions for re-admission after first academic suspension; 8 were approved and 2 denied."

4) No Comments by the Presiding Officer, Douglas Crowe (absent).

5) No Comments by Dean Stokes (absent).

6) Committee Reports

- a. Steering: no report
- b. Committee on Committees: no report.
- c. Admissions: no report.
- d. Curriculum: no report.
- e. Planning: no report.

7. Old Business:

a) Associate Dean Hugh Ruppensburg: reported that the review of Senate Policies and Procedures was ongoing.

b) Academic Standards [Adam Parkes, English]: Reported "The Academic Standards Committee met on February 3. Of the eight student petitions that were discussed, six were approved, one denied, and one tabled pending additional documentation. We also discussed the proposed revisions to the college bylaws governing grade appeals with two members of the Chemistry department; additional discussion among committee members followed, resulting in the revised document herewith submitted for the approval of the Senate as a whole. "

Discussion ensued on the document provided. Representatives from Chemistry read a prepared statement objecting to the changes.

Motion made (and seconded) to accept the changes prepared by the Academic Standards Committee.

8 yes, 20 no, motion failed.

Motion made to return the issue to the Academic standards committee for another draft, incorporating points raised in discussion and with the input of Richard Morrison (Chemistry) and Alexei Kojevnikov (History).

27 yes 1 no and 3 abstentions; motion passed.

#### 8. New Business:

a) [Elham Izadi, Math] asked that the administration provide information on the five year plan. Discussion ensued as to the administration's need to account for its criteria in handling the budget cuts.

b) Discussion of quotes on the number of A's and B's awarded in courses to reduce grade inflation [Elham Izadi, Math].

c) Randy Hammond (Psychology) suggested changes to Article IV of the College by-laws regarding voting procedures in Department head searches, such that Departments rank-order the candidates prior to submitting the list to the Dean. Discussion tabled until next meeting.

9) Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 22nd at 3:30 in SLC 101. Agenda items due by March 8th.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Amy Ross [Geography]