Franklin College Faculty Senate Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, April 20, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 in room 145 of Brooks Hall, Eric Stabb presiding.

Members Present: Maor Bar-Peled, Wayne Coppins, Gauri Datta, Tim Dore, Charles Doyle, Kelly Dyer, Mario Erasmo, Ray Freeman-Lynde, Adam Goodie, William Graham, Christine Haase, Nik Heynen, Christopher Hocking, Philip Holmes, Charles Hopkinson, Betina Kaplan, Edward Kipreos, Jim Lauderdale, Kang Li, John Lynch, Marguerite Madden, Kanzo Nakayama, Ron Orlando, Diana Ranson, Michael Robinson, John Rose, Adam Sabra, Paul Schliekelman, Paul Schroeder, Jake Short, Chris Sieving, Eric Stabb, Susan Tanner, Karim Traore, Stefaan Van Liefferinge, Lianchun Wang, Mark Wheller

Proxies: Jennifer Samp for Roger Stahl

Members not present: Yuri Balashov, Michael Geller, Patricia Richards, Shuzhou Wang, Aidan Wasley

Visitors: David Live, Complex Carbohydrate Research Center

Approval of March 23, 2010 Minutes: Approved without discussion

Presiding officer Eric Stabb's remarks:

Dr. Stabb began the meeting by acknowledging the senators for their service this year and presenting Diana Ranson as the President Elect for the Faculty Senate 2010-2011.

Dr. Stabb then summarized recent University Council business of interest to the Senate. First, course evaluations are currently available to students on-line with four mandatory, university-wide questions. The senate discussed adding a fifth question specific to Franklin College. Concerns included how the data would be used and overall rationale for adding questions.

Second, Dr. Stabb informed the senate of a policy recently submitted to the University Council by Dr. David Live. This policy proposed that any future furloughs include exemptions for those on sponsored funds. Dr. Live was in attendance and briefly presented the policy.

Dr. Stabb offered the following motion, which was seconded by Ron Orlando. The motion was carried unanimously.

"Motion that the Faculty Senate endorse the proposal put forth by Dr. David Live in the University Council that future furloughs include exemptions for those on sponsored funds."

Dean Stokes' Remarks:

Dean Stokes began by noting the end of another successful academic year. Second, the Dean discussed the current budget situation and indicated that more information would be available in the upcoming months.

New Business:

- 1. Nominations for Faculty Senate 2010-2011. Eric Stabb offered the following motions, all of which carried unanimously.
 - a) Motion to appoint the following officer for the Faculty Senate for 2010-2011 President-Elect: Marguerite Madden
 - b) Motion to appoint the following chairs for Faculty Senate committees for 2010-2011

Executive Committee: Stefaan Van Liefferinge

Curriculum Committee: Wayne Coppins

Academic Standards Committee: Christopher Hocking

Faculty Affairs Committee: William Graham

Planning and Evaluation Committee: Jim Lauderdale

2. The Senate discussed concerns regarding the review and appeal process of the proposed Graduate Faculty policy. Topics discussed included the number of faculty that should be needed to initiate a review outside of the post-tenure review process and if the policy was vulnerable to abuse.

Committee Reports:

Academic Standards Committee: Kelly Dyer reported approval of 16 of 18 proposals for course substitutions or grade changes.

Curriculum Committee: Ron Orlando reported no new business.

Executive Committee: Charles Hopkinson reported they would form the Awards Committee.

Faculty Affairs: Ray Freeman-Lynde reported on the results of the Franklin College on-line survey for the five-year review of Dean Stokes. Responses were overall positive with the majority of respondents saying the Dean should be re-appointed. The full report will be made available on the college web-site.

Committee on Planning and Evaluation: No new business was reported.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Tanner, Secretary and Senator from Anthropology