

Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
August 23, 2001

Approved on September 20, 2001

1. Call to Order: Presiding Officer Irwin Bernstein called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

2. Identification of Proxies and Visitors:

Proxies: Cliff Pannell for I.B. Logan (Geography), Jeff Yates for Christopher Allen and John Maltese (Political Science), and Michael Heald for Jean Martin (Music). Visitors: none. Absent: Dezsó Benedek (Comparative Literature), Wei-Jun Cai (Marine Sciences), Charles Eidsvik (Drama).

3. Approval of the Minutes for April 19, 2001: The Minutes were approved as written.

4. Remarks by the Presiding Officer:

Officer Bernstein noted that last year was an unusually busy one for the Senate, due mostly to proposals, originating outside the Senate, for two new colleges that would change the composition of the Franklin College. He expressed hope that the new colleges will be successful. Bernstein suggested that the Senate should be proactive rather than passive. To encourage this, he then outlined how the Senate normally handles issues. The Steering Committee sets the Agenda for meetings. Items for inclusion on the Agenda can be sent to the Chair of the Steering Committee or the Presiding Officer, who will forward them to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will consider these directly, or can send them to an appropriate Senate committee for their recommendation back to the Steering Committee. Anyone in the College can direct items to the Senate. In deliberating more important issues, votes are usually delayed to allow Senators to poll their Departments. Comments from visitors are also welcome and can usually be accommodated. The Senate, through the Presiding Officer, can also invite specific guests to attend and provide their comments to the Senate. Officer Bernstein noted that Senate Committees were active over the summer. The Committee on Committees would later provide a slate of nominations of Senators to specific Senate committees that were consistent with the compositions specified by the College Bylaws. Bernstein also noted that Ben Blount had been elected at the last Senate meeting as this year's Presiding Officer pro Tem and that a Secretary would be elected later today.

5. Remarks by Associate Dean Hugh Ruppensburg:

Dean Ruppensburg reported that Dean Wyatt Anderson, who is at a research conference in Germany, sends his greetings and a welcome back to returning Senators. Ruppensburg then reported on several matters of interest to the Senate.

Enrollment in the College had increased by about 700 undergraduate and 300 graduate students, but the College would be able to meet enrollment demands for the Fall semester. It is expected that the enrollment at the University would be just above 32,000 students, a new record.

Freshman Seminar courses: About 1346 students were enrolled in 13 seminars this past summer in the Freshmen College. This semester, the courses are at 90% of capacity, with 1079 students enrolled in 80 seminars. Forty courses will be offered Spring semester.

Writing-Intensive Courses: The current program, approved by the Senate, is the result of

recommendations of a special ad hoc Senate committee. It is in its fifth year and is funded at

\$160,000 with half provided by the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and half provided by the College. The program was recently reviewed by a special committee composed of original members of the ad hoc Senate committee, others, and an outside reviewer from the University of North Carolina. The review committee recommended continuing the program. Annual Report of the College: Available at ben.franklin.uga.edu/dstaff/hruppers/ar2001.pdf.

The report contains an impressive set of developments. In particular, Appendix A lists new faculty in the College, including 6 Professors, 4 Associate Professors, and 42 Assistant Professors. It is an impressive list and provides a sense of where the College is headed. There are several new filled and unfilled Professorships in the College.

Enrollment Issues: The Dean's office is carefully studying the impact of the restructuring of the College resulting from the creation of the two new colleges, and of proposed changes to the College of Business. In particular, The Business College will have to adjust their admission standards in order to reduce the number of their students. A probable result is that enrollment in the College of Arts and Sciences will increase by about 900 students, mainly of upperclassmen who would earlier have been able to transfer from Arts and Sciences to the Business College. This may be a dramatic impact on language courses, and upper-level courses, offered by Arts and Sciences.

Question by Irwin Rubenstein: What is the net number of changes in the number of faculty positions?

Answer: Do not know in detail, but suggest that there has been a net increase of one or two.

Question by Mark Cooney: When will the Business College change their admission standards?

Answer: Probably start next summer with several steps over the next 2 years. The University Council will probably consider the standards.

Comment by Officer Rubenstein: Every College can set its own admission standards except Arts and Sciences. One College, which has been Arts and Sciences, must have a minimum standard no higher than the University minimum standard. So if other Colleges increase their standards, and the University does not, our College should anticipate an increase in enrollments.

6. Election of Secretary: Glenn Galau was elected.

7. Committee Reports:

Committee on Committees:

Committee Assignments. Chair Glenn Galau submitted a slate of nominees for membership in the standing committees of the Senate. The College Bylaws specify that all 5 College Divisions be represented on each committee and that at least 2 members on each committee have served on that committee the preceding year, and that Senators could serve only two consecutive years on the same committee. He noted that all specifications provided by the College Bylaws had been met with the proposed slate with one exception: only one Senator could return to the Planning Committee. Galau

noted that the compositions of the committees proposed for this year would satisfy the Bylaw specifications for next year's committees, assuming all Senators completed their terms. This required that a few Senators move to another committee after only one year's service on last year's committee. The entire slate of committee nominations was approved by voice-vote as submitted. Election of Chairs: Galau conducted elections of chairs for each committee. In several cases the Committee on Committees provided a nominee; in all cases additional nominations were entertained from the floor. The following did not have opposition and were elected by voice-vote: David Leigh,

Academic Standards

Mark Cooney, Admissions

Pamela Jones, Curriculum

Christopher Allen, Planning

Robert Phillips, Steering

Ben Blount and Charles Eidsvik were both nominated for Chair of Professional

Concerns. A vote by show-of-hands resulted in one candidate receiving over 50% of the votes cast:

Ben Blount, Professional Concerns

Observation by Elissa R. Henken: None of the Chairs were from the Fine Arts Division. Is this appropriate? Should we be concerned about the distribution of Committee Chairs?

Reply by Officer Rubenstein: This result was not intentional, and we have not been concerned about it in the past. We could change the Bylaws to make sure that the Chairs represent the 5 Divisions of the College, as far as possible. I would welcome any other comments or how such a balance could be obtained.

Academic Standards: Steve Valdez reported that the committee was active this summer

Admissions: Mark Cooney reported that the committee had met three times this summer.

Curriculum: Committee met three times this summer.

Professional Concerns: Ervan Garrison reported that the committee was conducting an election of a faculty member from Fine Arts and faculty member from Humanities Divisions to serve on the Faculty Advisory Committee.

Committee on Restructuring: No report. No returning Senators were on this committee.

8. Status of Restructuring and The Committee on Restructuring:

Question by Edward Azoff about the fates of the proposals for the two new colleges and the Biomedical Institute.

Reply by Officer Bernstein: All Proposals were approved. The Dean's Office does not know of any new ones or of any that are planned. If one is generated during the year, can we decide on how to handle it now?

Questions by Michael Turns, and others, about the composition and duties of the Committee on Restructuring

Reply by Officer Bernstein: There were 5-7 members, mostly Senators. It reviewed various versions of the three proposals and made recommendations to the Senate. Two were for new Colleges, the School of Public and International Affairs, and the College of the Environment, both of which required approval by the Senate. The third proposal was for the Biomedical Institute, which did not require approval by the Senate, but which the Senate endorsed.

A similar committee could consider long-range goals of the College and look at the organization of the College and suggest changes. It could deal with residential Colleges and other issues. I will ask the Steering Committee to consider the need for such a committee and how to constitute such a committee if it is needed.

9. No Old Business or New Business

10. Meeting Adjourned at 4.45 pm

Submitted by Glenn Galau