Franklin College Faculty Senate Meetings of the meeting of Wednesday, September 23rd

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 in room 213 of the Miller Learning Center, Eric Stabb presiding.

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

Proxies: Maria Hybinette for Kang Li

Visitors: Christine Miller, Director of the Office of Information Technology, Dr. Jared Klein, Director Linguistics Program, Dr. Amar Singh, GSPS Postdoc Chair.

Members not present: Yuri Balashov, Kelly Dyer, William Graham, Charles Hopkinson, John Lynch, Adam Sabra, Paul Schliekelman, Roger Stahl, Aidan Wasley

Approval of August 25, 2009 Minutes: Ron Orlando moved, Mario Erasmo seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Presiding officer Eric Stabb's remarks:

Dr. Stabb summarized the prior University Council meeting including information on the flu and comments by Presidents Adams on the Furlough policy at UGA.

Christine Miller, Invited Speaker, Director of the Office of Information Technology. Franklin College

Christine Miller presented an overview of the current plans to restructure IT services throughout the college. The intentions of the proposal to restructure IT include meeting the accountability and security needs of the college, improving opportunities for IT professionals and succession plans within a unit, and streamlining the IT process to address common needs while still serving the needs of each department. A pilot program began this fall. Faculty discussed the need to maintain IT support for issues that are unique to each department and opportunities for training to distribute new technology across campus.

Dean Stokes' Remarks:

The Dean announced a new allotment of travel funding that is available to faculty in addition to the President's Venture Fund. The Dean then discussed new faculty recruitment and noted that budget conditions will limit recruitment. Finally, the Dean announced that Franklin College would be a pilot college for Degree Works, a new advising program, which

will replace the current Degree Audit Report (DAR) system used for undergraduate advising.

New Business:

1. Institute of Linguistics Proposal

Dr. Klein introduced the Institute for Linguistics, noting that Linguistics currently offers degrees at all levels and has faculty spanning more than one college. UGA rules state that this organizational structure should be recognized as an institute.

The motion was made, Ron Orlando seconded; Unanimously approved.

2. Graduate Students and Post-docs in Science (GSPS) Request for endorsement of a letter to the administration petitioning for Post-docs to be exempted from furloughs.

Dr. Amar Singh presented the GSPS letter requesting an exemption of UGA Post-docs from the upcoming UGA Furloughs. Faculty discussed the role of Post-docs in the educational system and the problems with including Post-docs in the Furlough policy.

Tim Dore moved to endorse letter, the motion was seconded; Unanimously approved.

3. Discussion of Furlough Policy:

After the discussion of the previous Faculty Senate meeting, two options were identified as potential courses of action: constructing a letter outlining the concerns of the faculty senate or organizing an activity that would draw attention to the high quality of research that occurs at UGA. As no consensus emerged, the issue was tabled.

Committee Reports:

Curriculum Committee report: 6 new courses approved

Committee on Faculty Affairs: Very few comments on the furlough policy were received. The 5-year review of Dean Stokes is progressing. Finally, the committee approved a revision to the Tenure and Promotions guidelines for Speech Communication.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Tanner, Secretary and Senator from Anthropology

FRANKLIN COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE September 23, 2009

Curriculum Description	Approved
New Courses Reviewed & Approved	6 new courses