

**Franklin College Senate
Minutes of the Meeting of 16 November, 2006**

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. in 100A, Old College.
2. Presiding officer Pro-Tem Elham Izadi.
3. There were 22 senators and proxies in attendance (Elham Izadi, Thomas Houser, Asen Kirin, Brigitte Rossbacher, Richard Winfield, Bill Barstow, Ken Honerkamp, Bram Tucker, Ron Miller, Adrian Burd, Gary Lautenschlager, Kristin Jndert-Gibbs, John Wares, Lisa Fusillo, J.P. Caillault, Bill McCormick, Gordana Matic, Madaki Mori, Stephen Dalton, Shelby Fink, Adam Sabra, John Turo-Escobar).
4. The faculty present postponed approval of the minutes from the October 12 meeting until January as the minutes had not yet appeared on the web-site.

5. Dean Stokes' Comments:

Dean Stokes' comments focused mainly on the on-going budget discussions. The fate of the two-percent of the budget that has been set aside for health-care and higher than usual energy costs is still being deliberated by the administration. The final allocations if any, of travel funds, 15% operating funds and facility enhancement funds are still to be made. Dean Stokes was looking forward to a positive outcome on this issue in the upcoming meeting with the Provost's office. She also stressed that her office's number one priority is raises for professors. However, there will be no news on this until January or February of 2007.

Dean Stokes brought up the subject of the new chancellor and the possible repercussions that his administrative style may have upon higher education in the state reflecting that due to the new chancellor the fiscal outlook for UGA is still unclear. (For more detail see Dean Stokes' comments in the minutes of the September 14, 2006 meeting of the Senate)

Dean Stokes also expressed a willingness to invite a well informed speaker as a follow up to the discussion initiated by Keith Campbell at the September Senate meeting on the subject of the reduction in the ORP in comparison to the TRS retirement funds. There seemed to be a general approval to have someone come. Also see the comments on the Franklin College Faculty & Staff Homepage under Ongoing Report for ORP.

6. Reports of Standing Committees

The Academic Standards committee had successfully handled several cases

The Curriculum Committee had approved the new courses and course changes as they appeared on the CAPA web-site.

7. Old Business: There was no old business.

8. New Business:

The proposed new General Education Core Curriculum was recently approved by the University Council. Elham Izadi suggested that, in view of the proposed new Gen Ed Core, the Franklin College Curriculum Committee should review and possibly revise the College Core Curriculum. Associate Dean Ruppertsberg suggested that it might be best to wait until the proposed Gen Ed core has been approved by the Board of regents. He also mentioned that in the near future, individual departments will be submitting courses to be approved for the new Gen Ed core curriculum and the college curriculum committee may want to wait until after that has been done as well.

Discussion was then initiated on the agenda item proposed by Elham Izadi: she was contacted by a member of the University Curriculum Committee who asked that the Senate review and make suggestions about the proposed Policies and Procedures for the creation and reorganization of schools and colleges. Three documents were sent to her and transmitted to the Senate:

- NEW SCHOOL, COLLEGE, OR DEPARTMENT, Academic Affairs Policy Statement No. 18 (posted on the Franklin College Faculty & Staff Homesite)
- GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR REORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC UNITS, Academic Affairs Policy Statement No. 19
- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS POLICY ON THE ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF COLLEGES, SCHOOLS, DIVISIONS, AND DEPARTMENTS

Elham Izadi reported that William Vencil, the chair of the University Curriculum Committee had been invited to this Senate meeting but was unable to attend and had asked for any suggestions the Senate might have about the documents. The third document is the report of the committee who worked on this subject two years ago while the second appears to be a revision of the first. Some senators asked if anyone knew of the history behind these documents. William Barstow provided a possible context that had occurred in the College of Education when the departments of Math Ed and Science Ed were merged against the unanimous votes of the faculty of both departments. The final decision was made by the University administration and these documents seemed to be informing the faculty that the final decisions on matters of new schools, departments and colleges rests with the central administration.

This discussion led to a series of questions about the relationship between the University Council and the Franklin College Senate. The general outcome of this discussion was that there is a lack of communication between the two bodies. Dean Stokes suggested that the Senate establish a permanent communication channel with the University Council. In this manner, the issues coming to the Council that are of importance to the Franklin College, will be discussed by the Senate in a timely fashion and not after the fact

as has happened with the ORP changes, the proposed Gen Ed Core and the Policies and Procedures for the creation and reorganization of schools and colleges.

These questions led the Senate to make and unanimously approve two motions:

- 1) Elham Izadi moved that the Steering Committee be charged with finding a solution to the problem of communication with the University Council. (passed unanimously)
- 2) Asen Kirin made the amendment that the Steering Committee be charged with finding a **temporary** solution to the problem of communication with the University Council **and as a follow up work towards providing a permanent solution.** (passed unanimously)

Call for agenda items for the January 18, 2007 meeting at 3:30 in 100A Old College.
Please submit agenda items by January 6 to Sarah Blackwell (Steering Committee Chair):
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9. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

(Scribed by Ken Honerkamp, Religion)