

**Franklin College Faculty Senate**  
**Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, 19 March 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM in room 250 of the Miller Learning Center, Chad Howe presiding.

**Members Present:** Yohannes Abate, Mary Bedell, Thomas Biggs, Brian Binder, Peter Brosius, Tom Cerbu, Katie Chapman, Brian Condie, Jorge Escalante, Alison Farley, Lisa Fusillo, DeLoris Hesse, Chad Howe, Richard Hubbard, Ming-Jun Lai, Gary Lautenschlager, Vera Lee-Schoenfeld, Tianming Liu, Megan Lutz, Alisa Luxenberg, Kendall Marchman, Silvia Moreno, Emily Mouilso, Chris Peterson, Chris Pizzino, Jennifer Rice, Rohan Sikri, Leslie Gordon Simons, Jiyeon So, Michael Usher, Hang Yin, Qun Zhao

**Proxies:** Stephen Berry for Cassia Roth; Cindy Hahamovich for Steve Soper; Reid Messich for Josh Bynum

**Members not present:** Elizabeth Davis, Suzanne Ellenberger, Steve Holland, Betina Kaplan, Kristin Kundert, Joe Norman, Khaled Rasheed

**Guests:** Baruch Halpern (Religion); Joe Levine (Journalist & Documentarian); Lee Shearer (*Athens Banner-Herald*); Thiab Taha (Computer Science)

**Approval of the minutes of the 22 January 2019 meeting:** Approved without corrections.

**President Chad Howe's Remarks**

- Dr. Jennifer Rice (chair of the Executive Committee) and Senate President Chad Howe are compiling a slate of candidates for committee chairs and Faculty Senate leadership, which includes Secretary and President-Elect for next year. The President-Elect is a two-year commitment. Anyone who is interested should contact Dr. Howe or Dr. Rice.
- One item originally slated for New Business was sent back to the Executive Committee for review and consideration.
- Our final meeting for the semester will be held on Tuesday, 16 April 2019.

**Dean Dorsey's Remarks**

- Dean Dorsey opened with an apology – he had another commitment to attend to, and would be leaving the meeting early, but would leave us in the capable hands of Dr. Kecia Thomas, should any clarification from the Dean's Office be required.
- Dr. S. Jack Hu has been appointed our next Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; he will officially join the University 1 July.
- Tomorrow (20 March 2019) is the annual Charter Lecture, which will be given by Roger C. Hunter, the Program Director at NASA and UGA Alumnus and advisor for Franklin College. The talk will be given at 2:30 in the UGA Chapel.
- On 26 March 2019, in Mahler Hall at the Georgia Center, Chris Emdin will deliver the annual Mary Frances Early Lecture. Dr. Emdin is an associate professor of Math, Science, and Technology at Teachers College, Columbia University, and is the creator of the #HipHopEd social media movement.

- The week of 1 April 2019 is UGA's Honors Week, during which the University celebrates the accomplishments of students, faculty, and staff. One such accomplishment, for example, is the sweep of Franklin College of the Russell Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching: Vera Lee-Schoenfeld (Linguistics), Amy Pollard (Music), and Sarah Shannon (Sociology). Dean Dorsey assured us there will be more great news in weeks to come.
- Finally, Dean Dorsey indicated that there has not been much movement with regards to the Georgia State budget; the Assembly will reconvene on Thursday, nearing the end of the session; the proposed raise for state employees that was in the governor's budget remains; there should be more news about that in April.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Academic Standards Committee: there have been no petitions since the previous meeting.
- Curriculum Committee: Approved 28 new courses, 8 course changes, and 16 bulletin changes; Approved 3 Experiential Learning courses, 2 Double Dawgs proposals, 1 new major (Computer Science); and 1 new minor (Religion).
- Executive Committee: No new business reported.
- Committee on Faculty Affairs: No new business reported.
- Committee on Planning & Evaluation: No new business reported.

### **New Business:**

- Proposal for a new M.S. degree in Cybersecurity and Privacy – Thiab Taha, Computer Science – approved unanimously
  - There are currently 5 faculty with expertise in cybersecurity, and they have an offer out for a 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - The department has 1100 undergraduate and 200 graduate students, having experienced tremendous growth in recent years
  - The department hopes that with this new M.S. they will be able to attract more domestic students.
  - The new degree opens up many new opportunities for grants, and should also attract new faculty.
  - The department currently has only one M.S., in computer science.
- Proposal for a new Minor in Hebrew Language and Literature – Baruch Halpern, Religion – approved with one abstention
  - This is largely an academic program, and there is a history of attracting students into the classic languages; the goal here is to help draw more students into the modern languages
  - This new minor hooks religion and languages into humanistic degree programs, and there is also a natural heritage audience
  - There are three faculty capable of teaching in the program, but without the minor they have not had the FTE freedom to mount the effort to offer classes like this

- except with course overloads.
- One of the faculty is a language professor, the others are philological; the hope is through the program and more advanced classes that they will develop assistance for the lower levels, as well as slow down what has otherwise been a fast-paced program of study
- There are currently students who take Hebrew to satisfy the Franklin College language requirement, and SPIA also is productive for them
- The minor would be beneficial, helping careers outside the humanities, such as those in international business; one goal is to update the curriculum to help students who would like to engage in that area
- Discussion regarding recent changes to deadline for grade submissions – Megan Lutz, Statistics
  - In spring 2018, the registrar’s office moved the grade submission deadline from 5:00p to noon on the Monday after finals. The reasoning given when Dr. Lutz called was “to get instructors to start grading earlier”. Discussion about this policy, its effect on assessment, and possible solutions was held.
    - One solution is for a tiered grading system – graduating seniors should have their grades submitted by noon (or 5) on Monday, and a later deadline for remaining students. The registrar would have to notify faculty regarding which students are graduating and need grades in early.
    - Another proposed solution is to push the deadline back to 5:00p.
    - A third possible solution discussed is to make the deadline noon on Tuesday (the following day).
  - The issue was referred to the Faculty Affairs committee for consideration.

**Old Business:**

- None.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Megan Lutz  
Franklin College Senate Secretary and Senator for Statistics