

Franklin College Faculty Senate
Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM in room 304 of Forestry Building 1, Shelby Funk presiding.

Members Present: Christine Albright, Budak Arpinar, Analisa Arroyo, Maor Bar-Peled, Mary Bedell, Josh Bynum, Renato Castelao, Trina Cyterski, Shanta Dhar, Inge DiBella, Husseina Dinani, Diana Downs, Christopher Eaket, Shelby Funk, Lisa Fusillo, Adam Goodie, Richard Gordon, Uwe Happek, Chad Howe, Natarajan Kannan, Jim Lauderdale, Derrick Lemons, Reid Messich, Nicholas Morrissey, Dan Nakano, Virginia Nazarea, Robert Phillips, Patricia Richards, Michael Roden, Daniel Rood, Mitch Rothstein, Chloe Wigston Smith, Inseok Song, Karim Traore, Zachary Wood, Sarah Wright, and Angela Yao.

Proxies: Christine Franklin (proxy for Kim Gilbert), Elgene Box (proxy for Lan Mu).

Members not present: Fred Dolezal, Kim Gilbert, Lan Mu, T.N. Sriram, and Jon Swindler.

Approval of the minutes of the 18 November, 2014 meeting: Approved unanimously without corrections.

President Shelby Funk's Remarks

- President Funk welcomed everyone back after the winter break and reported that the visitors who were scheduled to come from the Office of Information Technology have postponed their visit. In all likelihood, they will visit the Senate next month along with the new director of that office. At that point, they will demonstrate the new LANDesk system.

Dean Dorsey's Remarks

- Dean Dorsey welcomed Senators back after the winter break and reported that Beth Woods, who has served as a staff member in the Franklin College office, has been hired as the new Director of Information Technology. There are several conversations which are ongoing about new developments, and there will be a demonstration of the new LANDesk system soon.
- Dean Dorsey reported that the new Vice President for Instruction, Raul Shrivastav, will start in February. Dr. Shrivastav comes to UGA from Michigan State University.
- Dean Dorsey reported that the search for a new Dean of the Graduate School is still ongoing. Another round of candidates will visit campus, probably in March.
- Dean Dorsey reported that there will be a search for the position of Dean of the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources as well as an internal search for the Associate Vice President for Instruction.
- Dean Dorsey offered updates on the current legislative session. Some items of significance in Governor Deal's budget recommendations include, for the FY 15 budget, \$516,000 to establish the Georgia Film Academy, and, for the FY 16 budget, \$17,000,000 for the Center for Molecular Medicine, \$3,300,000 for equipment for the Science Learning Center, \$2,565,000 to continue the development of the Georgia Film Academy, and \$11,300,000 to fund merit pay and employee recruitment. Thus,

although there is not a large amount proposed, there is some hope for merit pay increases.

- Dean Dorsey reported that the FAR system will be discontinued and will be replaced with a new system, Elements, which is a commercial system. He has been told that the new system is vastly superior to the FAR system, and it should be useful for annual evaluation as well as for grant proposals. In response to a question about the cost of the new system, Dean Dorsey said that he did not know how much the University spent for the new system.
- Dean Dorsey reported that there has been movement in drafting the College's Experiential Learning requirement, for which an Ad Hoc committee was established. Language has been shared with the College's Curriculum Committee, and the proposal should be taken up by the University's committee in March.
- In response to a question about the search for the Dean of the Graduate School, Dean Dorsey reported that he did not know exactly why the search had not been concluded but that he suspected that negotiations about the candidates were unsuccessful. He once again reported that a new round of candidates will visit UGA in March.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Standards Committee: Received 8 petitions, approved 4, denied 4.
- Curriculum Committee: Approved 14 new courses, approved 5 course changes, and approved 1 proposal to change the microbiology major. The committee will send out a description of the Experiential Learning requirement soon.
- Executive Committee: No new business reported.
- Committee on Faculty Affairs: No new business reported.
- Committee on Planning & Evaluation: No new business reported.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Albright
Franklin College Senate Secretary and Senator for Classics