

**Franklin College Faculty Senate
Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, September 20, 2007 at 3:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm in SLC 348, William Barstow presiding.

Members/Proxies Present: Yuri Balashov (Philosophy), William Barstow (Plant Biology), Adrian Burd (Marine Sciences), J. P. Caillault (Physics), Keith Campbell (Psychology), Steve Dalton (Biochemistry), Luis Correa-Díaz (proxy for Stacey Casado [Romance Lang.]), Charles Doyle (English), Mario Erasmo (Classics), Lisa Fusillo (Dance), Michael Hahn (Plant Biology), Shane Hamilton (History), Jim Dowd (proxy for Joe Hermanowicz [Sociology]), Thomas Houser (Art), Betina Kaplan (Romance Lang.), Roy Kennedy (Music), Michael Kernis (Psychology), Edward Kipreos (Cellular Biology), Asen Kirin (Art), Kristin Kundert-Gibbs (Theatre & Film), Hilda Kurtz (Geography), Roy Legette (Music), David Lowenthal (Computer Science), Gordana Matic (Mathematics), Bill McCormick (Statistics), Ron Miller (English), Masaki Mori (Comp. Lit.), Kanzo Nakayama (Physics), Alberto Patino-Douce (Geology), Vladimir Popik (Chemistry), Dawn Robinson (Sociology), Bridgitte Rossbacher (Germanic & Slavic Lang), Paul Schliekelman (Statistics), Lijiang Shen (Speech), Tom Mote (proxy for Marshall Shepherd [Geography]), Eric Stabb (Microbiology), Michael Tiemeyer (Biochemistry), Bram Tucker (Anthropology), Robert Varley (proxy for Shuzhou Wang [Mathematics]).

Members Not Present:, Jim DeHaseth (Chemistry), Kenneth Honerkamp (Religion), Jake Short (History), John Wares (Genetics).

1. The minutes from the meeting of August 29, 2007 were approved unanimously.
2. Presiding Officer Bill Barstow's Remarks
Bill Barstow, Garnett Stokes, Hugh Ruppensburg are forming an ad hoc committee to revise the Franklin Faculty Senate bylaws.
3. Remarks of Linda Bachman, Assistant Dean for Development
Assistant Dean Bachman discussed the functions of the office of External Affairs, which seeks major gifts (\$25,000 or more), annual giving (broad-based but modest), corporate and foundation gifts (can help faculty or departments identify special givers for conferences, etc.—but External Affairs usually needs several months to a year advance notice). The office of External Affairs also works on stewardship (informing donors of the impact of their support), alumni relations ("friend-raising"), communications, and special events.

4. Committee Reports

a. Report on University Council issues

Presiding Officer Barstow attended a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the University Council. The Council has recommended the creation of an ad hoc committee on pay and benefits for low-wage employees. The criminal background check is being investigated by Irwin Bernstein; the policy, which can be viewed on the Council website, is not yet set in stone. Provost Mace informed the Council that a study is being done by a private firm to determine the feasibility of improving options for child care. Provost Mace informed the Executive Committee of a new Board of Regents policy: when 2/3 of faculty hold tenure in a department, that department must justify additional tenure promotions by writing a "financial risk" statement. Discussion ensued; Dean Stokes noted that the policy applies to all faculty in the department, including temporary instructors as well as tenure-track and tenured professors, making it unlikely to impact most departments.

b. Report of the Academic Committee

Jim Dowd, proxy for Chair Joe Hermanowicz, reported that one student petition to waive the final course of the foreign language requirement had been brought before the committee. The petition was approved, 5-0.

c. Report of the Admissions Committee

Chair Charles Doyle reported no business.

d. Report of the Committee on Committees

Chair Adrian Burd reported that the committee has been discussing the nature of the committee's powers and responsibilities according to the bylaws.

e. Report of the Committee on Curriculum

Chair Vladimir Popik reported that the committee is working through a considerable backlog of course proposals; 45 courses, 25 new courses, and 3 proposals were approved at the last meeting.

f. Report of the Committee on Professional Concerns

Chair J. P. Caillault reported no business.

g. Report of the Committee on Steering

Chair Michael Hahn reported that the committee had set the agenda for this week's Senate meeting.

5. Old Business:

a. Continuation of ORP Proposal

Keith Campbell noted that little has changed regarding the ORP retirement situation since the last Senate meeting. Dean Stokes noted that the Board of Regents has been working on a proposal for the state legislature to consider reforming the retirement system.

6. New Business

a. Center for Research and Engagement in Diversity (RED)

Motion by Michael Hahn to table discussion of RED, seconded by Dawn Robinson, passed unanimously.

b. Proposed Resolution for Child Care

Shane Hamilton presented a resolution regarding child care, previously circulated via email to Senators. Motion to accept the resolution by J P. Caillault, seconded by Erasmo. Discussion ensued. Motion by Brigitte Rossbacher to offer friendly amendments, adding "Child Development Lab" after "McPhaul Center," delete the last clause of paragraph 4, delete "values" from paragraph 5, and delete "immediately" from the final paragraph. Motion seconded by Michael Hahn. Friendly amendment accepted by Hamilton. Discussion; none. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. The resolution reads:

"Whereas access to adequate child care would support the core mission of the University of Georgia by improving the productivity of employees with children and by meeting the needs of student parents, and,

Whereas existing facilities, including the McPhaul Center and Child Development Lab, provide excellent child care, but have lengthy waiting lists due to lack of resources, and,

Whereas the lack of year-round, full-scale, readily available child care in comparison to the University of Georgia's peer institutions makes recruitment and retention of students, employees, and faculty more challenging than need be the case, and,

Whereas staff and faculty have expressed an overwhelming interest in exploring possibilities for constructing new or expanding existing child care facilities to better serve the UGA community, and,

Whereas the provision of affordable child care and early education would significantly improve the quality of life and morale for workers at all pay scales at the University of Georgia, as well as demonstrate the University's commitment to family and community well-being,

It is hereby resolved by the Franklin College Faculty Senate that President Adams should commit to provide on-campus child care facilities that meet the needs of students and employees of the University of Georgia."

c. Fine Arts Library Information Item

Asen Kirin discussed concerns about progress in building a Fine Arts Library on East Campus, particularly the uncertain siting of the building on the Master Plan. Dean Stokes announced that she would request information from the University architects and the Provost about the matter, and update the Senate at the next meeting.

7. Motion to adjourn by Hahn, seconded by Burd, unanimously approved at 5:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shane Hamilton
Secretary