Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Franklin College of Arts & Sciences – Apr. 20, 2006

1. Call to Order
   a. Presiding Officer Mitch Rothstein [Mathematics] called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm in Room 2B of the Main Library.

2. Identification of Proxies and Visitors:
   a. Proxies: 3 (Mitos Andaya for Roy Legette, Music; Erika Hermanowicz for Asen Kirin, School of Art; Amy Ross for Andy Grundstein, Geography)
   c. Visitors: 0
   d. Total: 29 Present.

3. The minutes from March 30, 2006 were approved.

4. Comments by the Presiding Officer, Mitch Rothstein:
   a. There will be a full faculty meeting April 27 at the CCRC Auditorium at 3:30pm.
   b. The main agenda on that meeting will be a discussion of the proposed amendment to the Grade Appeal bylaw, which will come to a vote of the faculty one week after the faculty meeting.
   c. Thanks for a year of service from the Franklin College Faculty Senate.

5. Comments by Dean Garnett Stokes:
   a. The College is wrapping up faculty recruiting but is still in the process of selecting Heads of the Lamar School of Art and Biochemistry.
   b. The budget is still pending, but it appears that average merit raises will be 4% with a maximum up to 8%. Raises will be leveraged to deal with salary compression.
   c. Regarding the College budget, faculty recruitment is being planned for next year, the Board of Regents has approved tuition increases and a lot may ride on this. A 5% increase would be the minimum so that we would not suffer consequences due to energy/health cost increases. There will be a 7% increase for incoming freshmen, but held constant for 4 years.
   d. Thanks to the Faculty Senate for their service.
   e. The Annual Report will be given at Faculty Meeting next week.
   f. Questions and answers on budget issues and faculty salaries:
      i. We will continue to issue merit raises in January, rather than in the fall.

6. Committee Reports
   a. Committee on Committees: Corresponding and have revised list of nominees for the Awards Selection Committee.
   b. Academic Standards: Have not met. Anne Summers raised a concern about the upcoming vote on the Grade Appeals policy, that it may go against AAUP guidelines.
   c. Admissions: no report
d. Curriculum: approved some changes in the MA in Classics, Criminal Justice, and Film Studies.
e. Planning: nothing to report
f. Professional Concerns: Nothing to report
g. Steering: nothing to report

7. Agenda
   a. Selection of the Awards Committee
      i. Committee on Committees (Mitos Andaya) presented a new list of candidates for the Awards Selection Committee. Ballots and information on candidates were given to the Faculty members.
      ii. Discussion on candidates and process of selection
      iii. The faculty voted by written ballot.
      iv. Charles Keith (Biological Sciences), Sylvia Pannell (Fine Arts), Hubert McAlexander (Language), Thiab Taha (Physical Sciences), Elizabeth Brient (Social Sciences) were elected.
   b. Proposed reorganization of the Policy and Procedures Manual
      i. The FCFS website has a link to a proposed reorganization of the The Policy and Procedures Manual into three distinct sections – “Current”, “Resolutions”, and “Archives”.
      ii. The new organization was passed without discussion.
   c. The following officers were elected for next years’ Senate:
      Anne Summers, Presiding officer,
      Elham Izadi, Pro Tem
   d. The following senators were chosen for next year’s Committee on Committees:
      Lisa Fusillo, Fine Arts
      Sarah Blackwell, Language and Literature
      Adrian Burd, Biological Sciences
      Jim Wright, Physical Sciences
      Keith Campbell, Social Sciences

8. Adjourned, 4:34pm.