

Franklin College Faculty Senate
Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, 13 November 2018

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM in room 267 of the Miller Learning Center, Chad Howe presiding.

Members Present: Yohannes Abate, Mary Bedell, Brian Binder, Peter Brosius, Tom Cerbu, Katie Chapman, Brian Condie, Elizabeth Davis, Jorge Escalante, Alison Farley, Chad Howe, Richard Hubbard, Kristin Kundert, Ming-Jun Lai, Gary Lautenschlager, Vera Lee-Schoenfeld, Tianming Liu, Megan Lutz, Alisa Luxenberg, Kendall Marchman, Emily Moulso, Chris Pizzino, Khaled Rasheed, Jennifer Rice, Cassia Roth, Rohan Sikri, Jiyeon So, Steve Soper, Michael Usher, Hang Yin, Qun Zhao

Proxies: Diana Graizbord for Leslie Gordon Simons; Steven Grossvogel for Betina Kaplan; Peter O'Connell for Thomas Biggs

Members not present: Josh Bynum, Doug Crowe, Suzanne Ellenberger, Lisa Fusillo, DeLoris Hesse, Silvia Moreno, Joe Norman, Chris Peterson

Approval of the minutes of the 16 October 2018 meeting: Approved without corrections.

President Chad Howe's Remarks

- This is the final meeting of the fall semester: our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 22 January 2019. The room is yet to be determined: notifications will be sent via e-mail with the reminder for the meeting.
- President Howe noted that there is a new item of concern to the Franklin College faculty regarding our representation on committees in the University Council, which will be discussed further at the January meeting. The intended purpose of the changes is to represent changes in student enrollment among the different colleges and to facilitate quorum at University Council meetings, but the effect is to decrease representation from Franklin College. We will have more information at the Faculty Meeting.
- President Howe closed with wishes to everyone for a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

Dean Dorsey's Remarks

- Dean Dorsey opened with an invitation to everyone to the dedication to the new memorial on Friday, 16 November at 10:30a outside Baldwin Hall, which will “permanently honor the men, women and children who were buried on this site more than a century ago.” There will be three speakers of note from the university and Athens communities: President Morehead; Honorable Steve Jones, a Judge for the U.S. District Court in for the Northern District of Georgia; and Dr. Michelle Cook, UGA's Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion and Strategic University Initiatives. This is a public event, so all may attend the dedication; the memorial will be located on the front lawn of Baldwin Hall.
- Dean Dorsey “spotlighted” the Spotlight on the Arts, which ran from 1-11 November, and coincided with the Conference for The Alliance in the Arts in Research Universities (A2RU), held in Athens from 1-3 November. Many of the conference events were designed

to align with the Spotlight events, and it provided an opportunity to showcase our arts to a national audience. Dean Dorsey congratulated all who participated and thanked all who supported and attended the events.

- The Dean provided an update on the Fall 2018 enrollment numbers, indicating that our undergraduate enrollment figures have increased over Fall 2017, which is the fourth year of increased undergraduate enrollments in a row; Franklin College undergraduate enrollment has outpaced the overall UGA increase. The graduate enrollment has remained stable relative to Fall 2017, the UGA graduate enrollment has seen an overall increase. Due to the increased enrollment at the undergraduate level, the credit hours have increased in all categories in Franklin College: the preliminary numbers for all of the 2018 calendar year indicate an increase in credit hour production for the fourth year in a row. Dean Dorsey did note that these were averages, and that we did not see increases across all programs.
 - In answer to a question, Dean Dorsey said that the increase in undergraduate enrollment is not inherently a good or bad thing, but in this case it is positive from a budget standpoint because we are able to regain the funds lost during the several years' decline in enrollment from 2013-2015, which had resulted in dramatic budget cuts.
 - Without having the figures in front of him, Dean Dorsey also was able to recall that the quantitative fields are those that have tended to grow ("Computer Science is off the charts"), and mathematics, statistics are also growing; the lab sciences have grown some. The decreases have generally been in the humanities, the arts have been stable, and there has been variability in the social sciences.
- Dean Dorsey gave us a progress update on the Presidential Hiring Initiative regarding investment in writing intensive and data literacy coursework. Proposals were due to the College on 5 November, and with consultation with the Associate Deans, the 20 proposals that were received were rank ordered and all sent to the Provost's office for consideration. Dean Dorsey believes that we should hear about the Provost's decision in a week or two.
- Finally, Dean Dorsey had been asked to give his thoughts on the development in University Council regarding the changes in representation among the colleges. He is still learning about the proposed changes and is not currently in a position to offer an opinion, but was able to provide a little more information: among other things, the proposed changes will reduce Franklin College membership on all committees. The two committees that most concern Dean Dorsey are the Educational Affairs Committee and the Faculty Affairs Committee: currently, Franklin College has four representatives on each, and the proposed changes would reduce our representation to 2. The proposed changes are on the agenda for the University Council meeting for 28 November, but will not be voted on until next semester. More information can be found in the By-laws committee minutes; those interested or concerned may also find more information about current representation on those and other committees online at the University Council website (<https://apps.reg.uga.edu/UniversityCouncil/>).
 - In answer to a question, Dean Dorsey clarified that some schools (e.g., Terry) will see an increase in representation, due to increased enrollment numbers. Additionally, the By-Laws had not be reviewed in some time, and do not currently acknowledge the College of Engineering.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Standards Committee: 1 petition approved.
- Curriculum Committee: Approved 14 new courses, approved 24 course changes, and 3 bulletin changes; 1 area of emphasis (Sociology); 1 Double Dawgs program (Music); and 1 new major (Marine Sciences)
- Executive Committee: No new business reported.
- Committee on Faculty Affairs:
 - The committee is preparing a report on the revocation of graduate faculty status, discussed in the 16 October meeting
 - The committee is following up on issues pertaining to non-tenure-track faculty, relating to FYOS and access to awards. They are reaching out to some new contacts.
- Committee on Planning & Evaluation: No new business reported.

New Business:

- Dr. Chris Pizzino, the committee chair, presented a preliminary report from the Baldwin Hall Ad Hoc Committee
 - The committee is not currently ready to make any recommendation at this time, and the currently preliminary report does not reflect voices of all who have weighed in at this point nor of all who may wish to weight in
 - Dr. Pizzino emphasized that there are two approaching developments: the genetic study is nearing completion and that the full report from Southeast Archaeological Services is expected soon. The report from Southeast Archaeological Services will contain a complete survey of the area around Baldwin Hall, the Jackson Street parking lot (where new graves have been discovered) and the nearby area. The report is expected to confirm that there are additional graves under the Baldwin Hall lot, in the neighborhood of 35 graves.
 - Dr. Pizzino answered that it was unclear whether the report would provide suggestions for how to reach out to the community. It is unknown what the scope of the report would be.
 - There is a well-documented history of disturbing graves during the construction of Baldwin Hall; graves were present during the construction of Baldwin Hall.
 - Dr. Pizzino, and the experts extensively referenced from the UGA faculty (Dr. Birch, Anthropology & Dr. Garrison, Archaeology), indicated that this was an opportunity for best practice in the fields of archaeology and anthropology for UGA to engage the Athens community and to achieve a new level of said community engagement.

- In the report, Dr. Pizzino noted that accidental discovery of human remains is unusual because of GEPA and USG regulations, had there been early discovery, best practice would have dictated a report to the public prior to further action and an identification of other stakeholders in the community, followed by a discussion of mitigation using a third-party mediator.
 - The genetic material that is being analyzed will be turned over to UGA and will become the property of UGA.
 - It is unclear what the weak points were as to how an accidental discovery was possible despite these regulations, and that wiggle room in the process is still possible.
- The committee has no current recommendation but wanted to present the current situation to the Faculty Senate for discussion. Both the committee and faculty present at the meeting stressed that this was a missed opportunity throughout to take advantage of deep faculty expertise.
- One current outcome is that the Office of University Architects has developed a new historic preservation plan in response to the discovery. It did not and does not have any archaeologists in the office.
- Dr. Chris Pizzino, the chair of the Baldwin Hall Ad Hoc Committee, proposed a change to the charge for said committee, reading (proposed change in **bold**):
 - I. B. Concerns (past, present, and future) held by faculty of Franklin College regarding the Baldwin Hall expansion, **and additional data or expertise the committee chooses to gather from outside Franklin College to provide clarity and context for Franklin faculty concerns.**

The change was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

- None

Meeting was adjourned at 4:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Lutz
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